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Neeman: Biggest mistake since Temple destruction

By HAIM SHAPIRO

Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman yesterday called the decision by the Reform and Conservative movements to go ahead with petitions to the High Court over conversions and religious councils, the "most serious mistake made by the Jewish people since the destruction of the Temple.

Neeman also attacked the Reform movement, accusing its leaders of having rejected Zionism earlier in the century and of ahandoning Halacha.

The government said, meanwhile, that it plans today to introduce a bill to the Knesset that would effectively exclude Reform and Conservative members from local religious councils. Still bopeful for a compromise, Neeman asked Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein to try to convince the court to delay a hearing scheduled for today on the religious councils, to allow more time for Neeman's compromise committee to try to work out a

Speaking at a news conference,

Conversion bill preoccupies Knesset, Page 2 Is issue political?, Page 3

Neeman accused the Reform movement of once rejecting Zionism, of abandoning Halacba, and replacing Shabbai with Sunday. He alleged that Reform rabbis perform marriages alongside Christian clergymen, as well as same-sex marriages.
"Is this Judaism?" Neeman said.

Neeman also said he is convinced that the way back to unity within the lewish people is through Halacha, and by forging a unified approach that would encompass all the streams of

There has to be one standard for conversion, one standard for marriage, which is unified and objective," be

However, he insisted, the way 10 unity has to be through dialogue and discussion, not through court action or means they have succumbed to politi-

Yesterday afternoon, when it became clear the Reform and Conservative movements were not going to change their minds, Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi retaliated by convening the Ministerial Committee on Legislation to finalize a draft of the religious coun-

Reform and Conservative leaders denied Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's allegations that their decision against delaying court action

cils hill.

cal pressures.

In a statement, the Prime Minister's Office accused the Reform movement of choosing a path of confrontation and of seeming to be party to efforts to

widen a rift within the Jewish people. In response, Rabbi Ehud Bandel, president of the Conservative Movement in Israel, said that opposition politicians had encouraged the non-Orthodox to continue talking.

See NEEMAN, Page 9

Navy found blameless for raid failure

most active combat unit.

series of explosions occurred.

mony, shots were fired at them and

they heard shouting in Arabic com-

ing from the south. This account led

investigators to believe that the

charges were set off by militiamen

A few minutes later, a demolifion

charge carried on Ilya's back was triggered by fire and killed survivors

At this point, the radioman called

for an evacuation. It turned out that

the number of casualties was not

clear at the time. Only after a rescue

helicopter landed 40 minutes later

did it become evident that nearly the

Ofir said that the crossing of the

road was not done according to IDF

procedure and that at the time of the

explosion, the force was more con-

centrated in one spot than it should

organization in evacuating the

wounded, including the fact that the

helicopter was called in before the

force was prepared to board and

ended up staying on he ground for

24 minutes, exposed to enemy fire.

Ofir also noted it was not until about

three hours later, that they realized that

one soldier, Ilya, had been left behind.

Maher, a doctor in the evacuation

squad, was almost certainly killed by

gunfire, which the army believes

The probe could not say for certain

when the ambush charges were laid.

It assumed that the ambush was set

up randomly by a small force which

did not move in until after the evac-

unique," Ofir said. "The comman-

ders and fighters, some of them

wounded, evacuated their dead and

dying comrades from deep inside

enemy territory, in darkness and

under battlefield conditions. We

found that they acted bravely and

Ofir said he has recommended the

radioman 3PO Sa'ar, Lt. Boaz, the

commander of the rescue squad, and

that none lost their senses."

The incident was difficult and

came from a nearby building.

uation force left at dawn.

The committee also noted a lack of

entire force had been wiped out.

who later backed off.

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have been.

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

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This was the conclusion of a 52-day internal IDF probe into the September 4 fiasco, conducted by Maj.-Gen. Gabi Ofir, and Brig.-Gen. Ran Galinka, a former head of the naval commando unit.

Kurakin, walked into a random ambush. The IDF has not clearly Amal have claimed responsibility.

actions, carried out both by intelligence officers and the commando squad itself, were not done entirely according to procedure. But Ofir stressed repeatedly that none of the deficiencies had any direct bearing

"We believe that this was an incidental ambush which was set up in the field by the terrorist groups out of fear of an IDF operation and not on the basis of concrete information," Offir told military reporters in Tel

Aviv yesterday. Ofir handed the report to Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin Shahak and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai. Copies were also given to families of the fallen servicemen. "We received the report and need time to read it, to examine every word, and to form an opinion," the father of Maj. Maher Dagesh, a doctor killed in the raid, told Itim.

The intelligence question remains open, even after the report," Brig.-Gen. (res.) Shlomo Ilya, the uncle of 3PO Itamar Ilya, whose body is still being held in Lebanon, told Itim. He added "due to security considerations, the report did not contain much that the family did not already know."

Ofir's committee took testimony from mission survivors and demolitions experts. A model of the ambush was also put together in an attempt to come up with an exact picture of what happened. Pathologists were also consulted to determine whether the commandos died as a result of their own explosives and gunfire or from those set off in the ambush.

The panel said that there is a very low probability that an intelligence leak occurred, but that the possibility could not be ruled out. Ofir said it is unlikely that the force was detected as it approached their target.

He indicated that military intelligence had apparently mistakenly assessed that there was a low probability that terrorists would plant bombs so deep inside their territory.

The possibility of finding bombs in this area did not arise in general during the preparation of the mis-

received warning letters before they testified to the committee, three - a captain, a commander, and a lieutenant-commander - will have a "note" put in their files signifying



The abortive naval commando raid into Lebanon last month, in which 12 servicemen died, was a case of bad

According to the inquiry, the 16-

member force led by Cmdr. Yossi identified which militia in Lebanon was to blame. Both Hizbullah and Ofir noted that a number of

on the failure.

sion," Ofir said. Of the six naval officers who

> two helicopter pilots, for citations. The committee is obligated to point out a number of faults and weak points which need to be addressed... with the intention and hope that their implementation will contribute to the improvement of work methods, level of preparedness and ability to deal with threats and operational challenges hy navai commandos and the IDF, Ofir said.



Heated opening for winter session

Labor MKs Yossi Katz (right) and Eli Goldschmidt (left) hold up signs reading 'I am a proud Jew' and 'Bibi is dividing the people,' as the Knesset's winter session opens yesterday. MK Nawaf Massalha (seated) laughs, as a Knesset guard (behind) takes away the sign held by MK Adisu Massala. Story, Page 20

Primakov makes suprise return trip to Damascus

By JAY BUSHINSKY

Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov's sudden decision yesterday to return to Damascus for another meeting with Syrian President Hafez Assad prompted Israeli officials

Russia will be first to accept PA state, Page 2

to conclude that "there is movement" on the Syria-Israel track. Israeli sources did not know whether Primakov, who was set to confer with Assad last night, would fly back to Jerusalem after their talks. That may be determined by the outcome, they

Primakov's hrusque change of itinerary triggered speculation

that the seasoned diplomat, who has substantial experience and expertise in Middle Eastern affairs, may be trying to succeed where his American counterparts have failed: 10 bring Syria and Israel back to the negotiating

table. Primakov's objective is to reconvene the Syrian-Israeli talks in or near Moscow instead of near Washington, as was the case in previous rounds, according to one source. The source contended that Russian President Boris Yeltsin, who initiated the Primakov mission, is trying to compete with the US as a prime Middle Eastern peacemaker.

Authoritative quarters attributed Primakov's unexpected shuttle to the positions clarified in his meetings with Foreign Minister David Levy and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

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Primakov: Arad is dead

Missing IAF navigator Ron Arad is no longer alive, Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov reportedly told Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky

Primakov later met with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, hut Mordechai said afterward that Arad did not come up during their talks.

"I didn't hear this and this aware of this matter."

in a meeting yesterday.

was not a matter which was raised in this forum," Mordechai said. "I'm not

Arieh O'Sullivan

Dow dives 7.2%

554-point drop is worst in history

By MARKYN HENRY

NEW YORK - Wall Street abruptly shut down 30 minutes before the closing bell yesterday, when the Dow Jones industrial average plunged 554.26 points the largest one-day point decline

It was the first time in the New York Stock Exchange's history that an automatic trading halt kicked in, leaving the market 10 close at 7161.15; 159 stocks advanced, while 2,995 were

down. Most Israeli shares traded on the New York exchange also plunged, dropping an average of 6.5%. ECI, Nice, and Scitex all fell more than 11%, Teva 8%, and Koor and

Tadiran 6%. The shutdown, the first since "hall" rules were adopted in the aftermath of the 508-point crash of 1987. came at 3:30 p.m.

The fall was a drop of 7.2%, the biggest one-day percentage decline since the 8% drop of October 26, 1987, a week after the crash. But it was nowhere near the 22.6% plunge of Black Monday. With the Dow still up 11% this

year, more than expected at the end of 1996, it was a time for many investors to cash in.

Exchange officials halted trading for 30 minutes when the Dow had plummeted more than 350 points. When trading reopened, bowever, the dive continued.

Analysts on the trading floor told New York radio stations that they fear the market opening this morning, when panic will have had a chance to sel in among investors. "Don't worry. It's only money,"

intoned one radio announcer as he reported on the Dow's dive. The selling spree capped a day of global turmoil on financial

markets, touched off by a resumption of hig declines in Hong Kong. US President Bill Clinton was hriefed on the stock market developments by Treasury Secretary Robert Ruhin, said

White House spokesman Mike

The president has watched and noted the developments of the day," McCurry said. "The president is confident the fundamentals of

That's what matters most." World markets, dollar fall,

the American economy are strong...

In a message transmitted when trading was finally halted, the New York Stock Exchange said business would resume as usual at 9:30 a.m. 10morrow.

The Dow was plummeting vbile Clinton was at a Washington hotel delivering a speech before the Democratic Leadership Council, in which he credited the country's strong economy and shrinking budget deficit to bis administration's policies.

McCurry described yesterday's drop as "a bare fraction of major breathtaking drops in the past," and no reason for panic. "We want everyone to just take a deep breath and think about where we are," he said. "This is a market that has performed amazingly well... so let's just be calm and reasonable." Hong Kong, whose 10% crash

last Thursday sent shivers around the world, again led the way with a 5.8% plunge in the blue-cbip Hang Seng Index. It lost 646.14 points to end at 10,498.20 almost wiping out the nearly 7% recovery it made Friday.

Shares moved sharply lower on the London Stock Exchange. Tokyo's Nikkei stock average also fell, followed by slides in Frankfurt, London, and Paris. Stock prices in Brazil, Argentina, and Mexico saw their higgest single-day losses in several years, and Mexico's peso suffered its worst hit since 1994-

Cabinet wrangling over security may delay Levy trip to US

By JAY BUSHINSKY

The projected Israeli-Palestinian negotiations in Washington under the aegis of US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright hinge on tomorrow's special cabinet session in which Foreign Minister David Levy is sup-

posed to be given guidelines. If the parameters for concessions Israel is expected to make and the commitments to be undertaken by the Palestinian Authority are defined. Levy will be able to leave for Washington in time for talks to begin early

next week. But the possibility of delay caused by the West Bank;

ministerial wrangling over security concerns and other issues could push the diplomatic timetable back to the point where a trilateral session will not be feasible until late November or early December.

This is because Albright is scheduled to attend the World Economic Forum's conference due to open in Qatar on November 16. Levy conferred with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday on three prospective agenda items on which he

wants specific instructions: ·A "time-out" on settlement activity. ·Further redeployment of IDF forces in Preparations for final status talks. "Only after these matters are elucidated

will Levy decide about his trip to Washington," said Foreign Ministry spokesman Aviv Shir-On. Asked how long it will take the cabinet to thrash out these topics, Shir-On replied; "As long as is nec-

Levy was said to have been pleased with the outcome of his dialogue with Netanyahu, but his aides were unable to predict bow the cahinet meeting would turn

"We discussed several ideas," Levy said.

final form by the end of [tomorrow's] cabinet meeting. When they are adopted, we will be able to convene the meeting in Washington in a manner that will be fruitful and will inject momentum into the peace process."

"satellite" or "accompanying" Palestinian state (as reported by Yediot Aharonot). Levy said this is one idea that would be discussed in final status talks. "But we have not reached the stage at

Asked about the proposal to establish a

which we can discuss a final arrangement. There are additional things on the agenda "I hope that they will be crystallized in today which require a solution," he said.

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Hussein expresses frustration over peace

King Hussein, frustrated by the stalled Mideast talks and enraged by the Mashaal Affair, said yesterday that his outlook had changed three years after signing a peace treaty with Israel.

"It was an encouraging start, full of hope, that our peace treaty will be a step towards a higger deed... a comprehensive peace," Hussein said. "I can't say the climate now is the same as three years ago," Hussein said at a joint news conference with visiting Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

He expressed frustration over the policies of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

Court rejects petition on prisoner releases

The High Court yesterday rejected a petition by right-wing activists Noam Federman and Tiran Pollack for the government to publish the names of Palestinian prisoners being released, before they are freed.

Justices Theodore Orr, Mishai Cheshin and Yaacov Tirkal, said they sufficed with the government's reply that the names of those released were made available once the prisoners were freed. Federman criticized the government for releasing prisoners to self-rule areas where they could stage attacks, rather than

C'ttee meets at anniversary of Jordan treaty

The third anniversary of the Israel-Jordan peace treaty was marked yesterday at a meeting of the Eilat-Akaba committee which deals with the hilateral relationship in the southern border area. Among the topics discussed were establishment of a joint land-sea rescue system, ecological protection of the Gulf of Eilat, sewage purification, and eradication of mosquitoes and cooperation in sport and culture.

Jordanian committee chairman Fayez Tarawna conveyed King Hussein's good wishes. "From Jurdan's perspective, peace with Israel is a long-range strategic goal for the coming generations,"

Manbar's lawyer cannot quit

Tel Aviv District Court yesterday rejected a request hy Amnon Zihroni that he be allowed to resign as the lawyer for Nahum Manhar, whn is under indictment for supplying Iran with chemical weapons components. Zihroni said that a document specifying what in the case must be kept secret, issued by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu nn Sunday, severely limits his ability to function as Manbar's counsel. The court disagreed, saying there is nothing in the document which prima facie harms Zihroni's ability to represent his client.

Primakov: Russia would be first to recognize Palestinian state

By STEVE RODAN and MOHAMMED NAJIB

Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov told a news conference in Ramallah yesterday that his country would be the first to recognize

a Palestinian state. He also called on Israel to "fulfill all its commitments and the Oslo accords, including the

Hebron accords. Primakov said that Russia "still supports the Palestinian people and its need for justice until

the existence of their independent state." He pledged to "work on all tracks and if an independent Palestinian state is established. Russia will be the first state tn recognize it."

Palestinian Authority chairman Yasser Arafat appealed for Russia's help in peace efforts with

"The peace process has turned a corner and I'm calling upon President [Boris] Yeltsin as a sponsor of the peace process with the US to protect the process and move it forward."

Arafat said Palestinian ties with Russia were strong. He thanked Primakov for his support for the PA.

Regarding the uncertainty about next week's planned talks in Washington, Arafat said that the PA was withholding a decision about whether to attend until the Israeli delegation decides. "We have to wait for the final resolution from

the Israeli side to decide if we will go to this meeting or not," Arafat said.



Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza together with members of the Land of Israel Front Knesset cancus yesterday announced they would establish a new settlement in western Gush Etzion. Its establishment was approved

by the government in 1970, said council spokeswoman Yehudit Tayar, adding that a name for the settlement had been decided upon, but it and the location would be kept secret until the government's stand on settlements is clarified.

The announcement followed an emergency session between settlement leaders and MKs and cabinet

Sources within the council said they are concerned over mounting rumors that in advance of his trip to the US, Foreign Minister David Levy had raised the possibility of freezing settlement construction. The sources said Levy is not willing to travel to the US empty

Meanwhile, settlement leaders say they will hold off work on the new settlement until Wednesday's cabinet meeting. Tayar said that the equipment to start work is ready and waiting.

MK Michael Kleiner (Gesher) of the Land of Israel Front warned that settlement leaders are oo longer interested in words or statements, but only in action. "If the government insists on any type of freeze or acts like the former govemment, then it will be treated as such," he said.

Kleiner hinted that if Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu agrees to a slowdown or time-out in the settlements, the battle would oot remain within the Knesset but, would spread to the streets.

Meanwhile, Peace Now declared that the council's decision to establish a new settlement is a blatant violation of the law. Every time the council does not agree with the government, its sole reaction is to resort to violence and law breaking," said Hagit Ya'ari, the movement's spokeswoman.



Soldiers in a truck let handcuffed Palestinian prisoners pass as they were released yesterday as part of a swap arranged with Jordan in exchange for the Mossad agents accused of involvement in a botched attempt to assassinate Hamas leader Khaled Mashaal in Amman. In all, as many as 31 Palestinians were expected to be freed yesterday.

Meanwhile, a Hizbullah source night, in an operation that was

was quoted on Lebanese radio repulsed tried to snatch IDF sol-

stations yesterday as saying that it diers in the Rehan region, in the is part of the organization's poli-north-eastern sector of the secu-

cy to try to kidnap Israeli soldiers. rity zone. (David Rudge)

Mordechai favors 'pre-emptive strike' against missiles

Iran sent 50 arms shipments to Hizbullah

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai. said yesterday that under certain circumstances, he would favor a "pre-emptive" strike" against long-range missiles and systems that threaten Israel.

Addressing an international con-ference in Tel Aviv on ballistic missile proliferation in the Middle East, Mordechai said: "If it depends on us, and if it will be strategically possible from a political and security aspect... we shall seek to pre-empt and strike at those systems which threateo to

But he added:"Naturally this depends on an overall view of the situation... but that is my posi-

Mordechai reiterated his warning to Syria, Iran and other states that any missile or non-conven-

tional strike at Israel's civilian population would elicit a "painful and heavy" retaliation by the IDF. "If the Arab-nations use this sort

of weapoo against us, then they must take into account that we will use all means at our disposal to retaliate," Mordechai said.

is incorrect to view the missile

weapons have been delivered by

air from Iran to Hizbullah via

Damascus in the past few

months, it was reported last

Channel 2 quoted diplomatic

sources as saying that Syria was

of the Iraqi Scud attacks during the 1991 Gulf War.

Iraq fired 39 Scuds on Israel which damaged huodreds of homes, and seriously disrupted commerce, but few Israelis were

They can cause greater harm, The defense minister said that it is incorrect to view the missile with oon-conventional warheads," threat oo Israel today on the scale

conteots which were being

flown into Damascus airport and

from there transported overland

· According to another report, some of the recent supplies to Hizbullah have incloded US-

to Hizbullah in Lebanon.

More than 50 shipments of aware of the shipments and the

harm those who harm our vital interests and they need to expect that we'll extract a heavy price [if attacked]."

Speaking at the conference host-ed by the Galili Center for Strategy and National Security, Mordechai said that the threat of missiles aimed at Israel is the most significant existeotial threat on Israel since the War of

made TOW anti-tank missiles

and improved Sagger anti-tank

Independence,

"They can hit our most vital assets, the civilian populatioo which we are supposed to be defending." he said.

Mordechai earlier expressed skepticism over Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeoy Primakov's repeated declarations that his country is not helping Iran to build

The unnamed official was

apparently responding to reports

here that Hizhullah last Friday

intimately cooperating with the weapons program in Iran. "[Primakov] claimed that the nuclear aid was all for research or peaceful civilian purposes in order to generate energy, etc. etc.," Mordechai said after talks with "We determined, Primakov. according to our information, that

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surface missiles capable of strik-

Mordechai told reporters that he

had showed the Russian minister

intelligence documents refuting

Primakov's denial that Moscow is

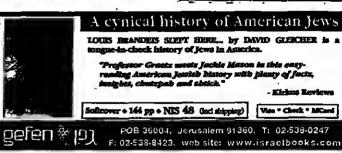
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the opposite is true." Mordechai repeated Israel's request for Russia to cease its aid to Iran. He said that if Russia stopped now, then Iran would not likely be able to huild surface-tosurface missiles capable of reaching Israel

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Conversion and religious councils bills preoccupy Knesset

By LIAT COLLINS

The Knesset throbbed with activity yesterday in last-minute attempts to find a solution to the conversion hill and religious council hill dilemma. The group of Reform leaders who came in from the US to lobby against the hills rushed between meetings with different factions and groups from both the coalition and opposition.
Finance Minister Yaakov

Neeman, who headed the committee seeking a compromise, told reporters there would be oo choice but to bring the religious council bill up for first reading because of the decision by the Reform movement to refuse to postpone its High Court petition. In a closed meeting with the

Reform rabbis, Neeman reportedly expressed his sorrow at their decision so strongly that he compared it to the destruction of the Third

Rabbi Amiel Hirsh said in response that the decision was taken with "heavy heart" after the non-Orthodox had found "there

was oo partner on the other side." He placed the blame on the Chief Rabbinate which refuses to accept the Neeman Committee proposals. He said there was no reason to assume that after another delay, the

Chief Rabhinate would agree to the The religious councils hill is believed to have a chance of passing since Yisrael Ba'aliya, with the exception of Roman Bronfman, and the Third Way have said they

will not oppose it. The decision by the Reform leaders not to further suspend the judicial proceedings did not go down well in the Knesset. Yisrael Ba'aliya leader and Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky

said: "They did not play ball." Alex Lubotzky (Third Way), who has been actively seeking a solu-tion used words like "frustrated" and "disappointed." Finance Committee chairman

Avraham Ravitz (United Torah Judaism) wrote to the prime minister urging him to cancel his planned visit to the Reform convention in the US.

"It's inconceivable that the the Reform movement has gotten Israeli prime minister will be the carried away and that its rejection guest of a convention which threatens to harm Israel politically, economically, and socially unless [Israel] accepts its dictates concerning the legislation democratically made in the Knesset," he wrote. He said since Netanyahu was not invited to the convention as a private individual but as a representative of the country, he

should not go. Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak told his faction that the Neeman proposals are deserving of support, but added that if no compromise could be found and the bills went ahead, Labor will vote against them. He also called on the Reform to allow more time to find a compromise. "One shouldn't be afraid of a few more days," he said.

Moshe Shahal, who heads Labor's committee on the issue, said the party completely opposes the religious councils hill, which be said is unconstitutional and takes away the rights of a part of the pop-

Yona Yahav (Labor) said he fears

of a postponement "was a wrong step." He continued to promote his hill calling for the abolition of religious councils. Yossi Beilin (Labor), however, said the Reform leaders were right

"because oobody would have changed his mind during the extra

At a meeting of coalition MKs, Deputy Defense Minister Silvan Shalom, who coordinates between the government and Knesset, said the religious councils hill could not

dedicated to the budget debate. House Committee Chairman Raphael Pinhasi (Shas) warned him that the MKs from the religious parties would not support the budget if the hill was not presented. Shaul Yahalom (National Religious Party), chairman of the Law Committee, said it will meet next week to discuss conversion bill. "We were prepared to wait. We invested much goodwill and patience in establishing the Neeman Committee," he said.

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AG: Split with US Jews mostly psychological

By ALLISON KAPLAN SOMMER

The split between Israeli leaders and US Jewry over the conversion hill stems from "psychningical walls of suspicion," concluded Attorney-General Elyakim

Rubinstein in a speech last night. "The recurring disputes over who is a Jew - or who is a rahhi derives from lack of knowledge, embarrassment, and suspicion," Ruhinstein said. "When such a lack of mutual knowledge relates to wide populations, this is under-standable. It is less understandable wheo this applies to leadership." In his speech to the International

Conference nn Antisemitism. Ruhinstein indirectly expressed Neeman Committee.

Rubinstein was the point man on the "Who is a Iew" controversy nf 1988, when he served as cabinet secretary in the Shamir government. He recalled that in an effort to resolve whether Reform and Conservative conversions abroad would be recognized by the Israeli government, his efforts led to a proposal "which was very close" that of the current Neeman Committee: the formation of conversion committees made up of rabhis from all streams of Judaism, overseen hy an Orthodox

religious court recognized by the Israeli rahbinate The proposal was ultimately unsuccessful "because the time was nnt ripe," said Ruhinstein, and went on to speculate that "perhaps

we are approaching ripeness now." The conference was cosponsored by the Anti-Defamation League, the World Jewish Congress, Tel Aviv University's Project for the Study of Antisemitism, and the Antisemitism

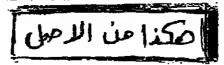
Monitoring Forum. Abraham Foxman, ADL's international director, said one of the conference's purposes is for Jews worldwide "to unite and declare a zero tolerance level for antisemitism, whether it comes from the prime minister of Malaysia, a mosque in Teheran, a site on the Internet, or a professor in San Francisco."

To everyone who came to participate in the inaugural event of the Peres Center for Peace, thank you.

The staff of the Center would also like to take this opportunity to offer our apology to those that attended but were unable to find a seat due to the overwhelming response. We thank everyone who joins us in our efforts to promote peace.

Sincerely, Shimon Peres and the staff of the Peres Center for Peace.

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Gush plans to

BY MARGOT DUDKEVITCH sembers of the Council of wish Communities in lule maria and Gaza together w sabets of the Land of last and Knesset caucus yesenda settlement in western (a)

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Rabbi Richard Hirsch, executive director of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, spreads his arms while speaking yesterday about the split between the liberal and Orthodox streams of Judaism.

Deri: Let's quit agency

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Shas leader Aryeh Deri yesterday called on the religious coalition partners to pull out of the Jewish Agency and form their own body.

"Leave the Jewish Agency... in the hands of the Reform Jews alone, let them stew in their own jnice, and [we'll] establish a new Jewish agency of Zionists, religious, and national bodies," Deri said oo Israel Radio.

Jewish Agency chairman Avraham Burg reacted harshly, saying, "If Arych Deri wants, by establishing an 'alternative Jewish Agency,' to strengthen the fles between the Jewish people, I welcome his initiative, but I don't see how he can succeed in this without the cooperation of 70 percent of the Jewish people, while alienating and ignoring them.

The position of the Jewish Agency and its leader has been known for some time to all Israel's governments, and to its public figures, and it is unequivocally that the Jewish Agency opposes all legislation intended to divide the Jewish people."

Reacting to the apparent break-

down in the conversion bill compromise, Burg said the chief rabhis' and the haredi parties' refusal to reach a compromise with leaders of the Reform and Conservative movements borders on closed-

return to the days of Babylon

"Israeli society is struggling

today over its Jewish identity. The

public wants freedom of choice,"

without Zion.

mindedness and wickedness. "I fear that if the conversion bill is passed, it will be the opening shot in a civil war within the Jewish people," Burg said. He praised Finance Minister

Yaakov Neeman's efforts to reach a compromise, and said the committee's recommendations had created a historic momentum which could be used to achieve unity among all streams io Judaism, and historic reconciliation for the first time in 100

"It's too bad that it is the willingness of the Reform and Conservative to cooperate with the Neeman Committee has run into a brick wall on the part of the chief rabbis. The leaders of the haredi public are taking full responsibility for a terrible split in the Jewish

people.

"An Israel which alienates the majority of the Jewish people will no longer be a source of identity

for world Jowry. I fear we will Yosef: Courts can't rule on religious topics

Former Sephardi chief rabhi Ovadia Yosef yesterday called on High Court justices to disqualify themselves from ruling on the issue of reli-

gious councils. Referring to a petition filed by the Reform and Conservative movements for a ruling that would entitle their members to sit on religious councils, Yosef said: "How is it possible for a person who is a self-

declared non-believer to decide on a religious issue?" The chief rabbis meanwhile renewed criticism of the Reform and Conservative movements whose leaders decided yesterday to reject an appeal to postpone their petitions on the issues of the councils and conversions. Ashkenazi Chief Rahbi Yisrael Lau said he would agree to speak with Reform leaders, if they would stop recognizing persons born of non-Jewish women as Jews, and expel rabbis who perform mixed marriages. Lan also brought up a survey taken at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnan some years back in which he said a majority of rabbinical students could not say that they believed there is a God.

Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron said he is prepared to recognize members of both streams as "hrothers and Jews. But to recognize them as rabbis, that would put the entire institution of the rabbinate to shame." Bakshi-Doron also derided the Reform and Conservative streams as "conditional Zionists."

HEBREW PRESS REVIEW

By ORLY AHARONI

Efforts to reach a compromise in the conversion bill controversy attracted considerable media

attention yesterday.
Writing in Ma'ariv Uri Avneri criticized the non-Orthodox factions for going to "war against the Orthodox movement," rather than focussing on the need to separate religion and state.

In Ha'aretz Yair Sheleg stated that the Orthodox parties' rejection of the Neeman compromise meant "missing out on a great opportunity from the Orthodox standpoint ... to open a historical process which can draw near the Reform movement to halacha, instead of chasing it away."

Questionable visits

Foreign Minister David Levy's refusal to meet with US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Yasser Arafat's deputy, Mahmoud Abbas in Washington, "is proba-bly Levy's way of hinting his des-peration and dismay with [Prime Minister Binyamin] Netanyahu,"

wrote Ma'ariv's Yosef Lapid. He added that Netanyahu's planned visit to the US may also be canceled to avoid confronta-

tions with Jews over the conversion bill predicament. Elyakim Haetzni claimed in

Vediot Aharonot that Levy's con-

fusion lies in the government's dooble stances: the formal policies which reflect its ideology and the "real" policies, foisted upon it by Arab-American demands.

"Netanyahu is weak at decision making ... he prefers playing a double game in order to avoid making a decision," Haetzni wrote. He also said that the time has come for Netanyahu to decide where the chips will fall.

Knesset convenes

Commentators remarked on the Labor party's agenda to attack Netanyahu on the Knesset podium, as the legislature reconvened after a three-month recess.

Aviezer Golan wrote in Yediot that controversy was one function of the Knesset but not the main one. The Knesset's main purpose is to weigh public problems, to assist the government in forming its policy, and mainly to

legislate." Golan added that it is "doubtful whether the public is interested in seeing a Knesset where everyone yells and oo one listens or under-

stands what the issue is about." "The Knesset's agenda should be not to legislate the conversion bill, which will cause a rupture between Israel and Diaspora Jews," Lapid wrote in Ma'ariv.

CONTEXT / HERB KEINON

Are the Reform and Conservative in cahoots with the opposition?

Forget ideology or a religious philosophy. The real reason behind the Conservative and Reform movement's decision yesterday to force the conversion issue now, according to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, is politi-

The rejection of the compromise by the Reform Jews raises the suspicion that political factors were involved in their decision, which are interested in deepening the division within the Jewish people and in the State of Israel as a political tool against the government, instead of attempting to strengthen the unity in Israel," a statement from the prime minister said.

Shas leader Arych Deri was more blunt. They came to the conclusion, and unfortunately politicians from the Left stood behind them, that the clear goal was to bring down the government," he said on Israel Radio. "There is no doubt that the decision is political."

Despite Deri's certainty, and Netanyahu's interpretation, Hebrew University political scientist Avraham Diskin has his doubts.

"When the recommendations of the Neeman Committee were leaked out, it was the Reform and Conservative who accepted them, and the Orthodox who rejected them," he said.

The recommendations included a proposal to create a central conversion institute under the auspices of the Jewish Agency and run jointly by the three streams of Judaism. The converts would go there for classes, but the actual cooversion ceremony would be done by Orthodox representatives.

The committee also addressed the issue of Reform and Conservative marriages and developed a formula whereby those movements' rabhis could perform marriages here with supervision from the Chief Rabbinate.

Had the ulomate goal been to bring down the government, Diskin said, the Reform and Conservative movements would not have expressed a willingness to accept even these original proposals.

Steven Cohen, a sociologist who has written extensively on American Jewry and teaches at Hebrew University's Melton Center for Jewish Education in the Diaspora, also does not believe the motivation behind the liberal movements' decision to force the issue now is a political one.

"The major motivation is substantive, and directly related to the issue at hand," he said. Cohen also believes that "[Shimon] Peres and [Yitzhak] Rabin could have elicited more understanding from the Conservative and Reform leadership, especially from the Reform

which is more dovish on peace policies." According to Cohen, "a government that seemed to be on the road to peace and needed Orthodox support to conclude a peace agreement with a major Arab partner probably could get the non-Orthodox movements to delay the battle. But this government does not hold out any such promise."

Cohen said that if Labor Party head Ehud Barak votes for the conversion bill to curry favor with the religious parties, the Reform and Conservaove leadership ahroad "would hold it against him. He would be extremely suspect as a leader of Labor. It would affect contributions. There are certain figures who are major supporters, who would be clearly reluctant to

Third Way MK Alex Lubotsky, who has been a major force behind attempts to reach a compromise, also said that he does oot think that trying to hring down the government was the motive behind yesterday's decision.

"A oumber of people both in Labor and Meretz told me that they think the Reform and Conservative movements made a mistake, Lubotsky said, "and even called the decision a

From the standpoint of the Left, it is not good to bring the government down over religious legislation, Lubotsky said, "because this will just mobilize the religious against Labor. Barak himself has come out in favor of a compro-

Israel's Reform Movement also realizes the dual-edged nature of a close poliocal affiliation with the left-wing. Recently a proposal to push the candidacy of a prominent Reform representative from Tel Aviv onto the next Meretz Knesset list was rejected by Israel's Reform

According to a source involved in this move, the argument against having a high profile Reform representative run with Meretz was that it could alienate supporters abroad who are either in the political center or lean to the Right, and that it could hurt the movement's image in Israel to ideotify too closely with a political party.

MK Eliezer Zandberg of Tsomet, whose party is in the coalition but adamantly opposes religious legislation, said the decision oot to give the Neeman Committee more time was not an attempt to bring down the government, but rather a "mistaken" reading that they could gain more hy taking a hard-line stance.

This matter has gone on for 50 years," Zandberg said, "another four months would out be the end of the world. By appearing intransigent on this, they are losing public opinion

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Underworld murder suspect rearrested

Ze'ev Rosenstein, 43, from Hod Hasharon, who is suspected of plotting a mob-style murder, was detained in custody for a second time yesterday, after being released to house arrest on Sunday.

This followed the Tel Aviv District Court's decision to accept the appeal hy police against Rosenstein's release. The court said there appeared to be sufficient evidence to press charges against

Slovenian defense minister to visit

The visiting Slovenian defense minister will be welcomed by Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai with full military honors at the Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv today. Jerusalem Post Staff

Tel Aviy-Jerusalem train service suspended

Following a derailment near Bar Giora yesterday, train service between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem has been suspended until the end of the week.

There were no injuries in yesterday's incident. Buses took the passengers to Jerusalem.

The line is to be thoroughly checked by railway personnel. The committee investigating another derailment on the same line last week has not yet presented its findings.

According to Israel Railways director-general Amos Uzani, the recent derailments are probably the result of the many years of neglect suffered by this line. Plans for improving the line to Jerusalem have not been implemented because of a lack Sybil Ehrlich

IWN angry over alleged child sexual assault

Members of the Israel Women's Network demanded yesterday that Education Minister Zevulun Hammer suspend or expel a first-grade pupil accused of molesting a female classmate.

The incident, in which a first-grade girl was allegedly assaulted in the bathroom by the pupil and another boy, occurred in a community in the south, which hasn't been identified. The second boy was apparently disciplined.

"It is unacceptable for only one of the girl's attackers to have been removed from the school, while the other boy continues to study in the same class as the victim," TWN head Prof. Alice Aryeh Dean Cohen

Checks of radon levels in schools demanded

The levels of radon at educational institutions throughout the country should be checked, Union of Local Authorities in Israel education committee chairman Shmuel Abuay demanded

Ahuav's demand follows the death from cancer this summer of a Jerusalem teacher who taught for 17 years at a school where radon levels were found to be 700 times the permissible level. "Many classrooms throughout the country are located in base-

ments or ground floors [where radon is concentrated]. Thousands of teachers and pupils are exposed to this gas, and the danger to their health is liable to very real," Ahuay said. Aryeh Dean Cohen

Enrollment climbs at colleges and universities

Some 142,000 students are registered at the nation's universities and colleges this year, an increase of about 5% over last year, the Council for Higher Education said yesterday. About 107,000 are enrolled at universities, while 35,000 will study at other institutions. Some 12,000 will take courses offered by the Open University.

Prof. Nehemia Levzion, chairman of the council's planning and finance committee, said the number of college students in Israel has almost doubled in the past decade from 72,000 to

Ashkelon hosts games for the elderly

Some 5,000 "golden agers" (over 60) are expected to take part today in the first-ever Popular Sports Day for the Elderly at Ashkelon National Park.

Doctors to strike at public hospitals

By JUDY STEGEL

A 24-hour warning strike by physicians in all public hospitals - except Laniado in Netanya - will put the institutions on an emergency schedule at 7 a.m. today. The Israel Medical Association called the strike to protest against the Treasury's refusal to implement an agreement adding 1,200 extra hospital beds in pediatric, internal medicine and surgical wards and 360 more doctors'

slots during the next few years. In addition, all operating theaters are due

to be closed on Thursday, except for emergency surgery, if the government doesn't keep its commitments by then. The IMA is thus resuming sanctions carried out during a three-week period before

Rosh Hashana and suspended to give time for negotiations during the holidays. Health Minister Yehoshua Matza said it

was incumbent on the Treasury to carry out

the agreement it had signed, but he nevertheless opposed the strike.

"it's wrong to make this struggle on the hacks of patients, who are innocent hostages in this dispute," Matza said.

During today's strike, all but emergency operations will be cancelled in public hospitals; outpatient clinics and diagnostic institutes will shut down; and only a minimum of physicians will be on the wards. Laniado Hospital, which has a no-strike

clause in its employees' contract, never participates in strikes.

Aside from the one-day strike, the IMA has instituted "safe and proper medical practices," in which doctors would not discharge patients before they are fully recovered.

Physicians charge that this policy, which is not ordinarily carried out in public hospitals due to hudgetary constraints, will mevitably cause overcrowding and prevent new admissions.



Martin Luther King?

Zo Artzenu supporters demonstrate yesterday outside the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court, which heard sentencing arguments in the sedition case against the group's leaders Moshe Feiglin and Shmuel Sackett. The court postponed sentencing to (Text: Elli Wohlgelernter, Photo: Bryan McBurney)

Infighting mars jubilee planning

By BATSHEVA TSUR

Unless there is a Hanukka miracle, Israel's fiftieth anniversary celebrations will not kick off as planned on the first night of the festival of lights.

The celebrations were due to start with a special festive candlelighting ceremony by President Ezer Weizman at Beit Hanassi in Jerusalem to be followed by similar ceremonies in other parts of the world. But continued infighting between the various government and public bodies set up to plan events, but found that he was conthe festivities has left all the proposals in the air, only half a year before Israel turus half a century.

The Knesset's State Control Committee, together with State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat,

convened yesterday to bear the sides and decide whether there is room for an official investigation.

This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the unity and achievements of the nation and instead. we have a sad situation of wasted time, energy and money," said committee chairman Yossi Katz

Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav (Likud), who has ministerial responsibility for the events, said he had planned to introduce various themes in the anniversary stantly at loggerheads with the two persons in charge of the nonprofit organization dealing with the plans - former OC Northern Command Yossi Peled and Haim Shlutsky, who organized the 1994

pcace-signing ceremony with Jordan in the Arava.

Katsav eventually resigned from the organizational position of heading the festival bodies and the position will be taken up by for-mer finance minister Yitzhak

Peled and Shlutsky, who said they resigned a day before Katsav did, drew a gloomy picture of a body unable to function because it had not received the hudget it had been promised.

"We were told last January that we would have a NIS 250 million hudget," Peled said. "The hudget was cut to NIS 120m. Only in June did we see the first sum -NIS 50m. - and that was allocated towards paying rent and salaries with only NIS 5m. carmarked for the events

"Instead of being a body that planned and executed, we found ourselves wasting our time at economics committees begging for a budget to get started."

Speaking on behalf of the Prime Minister's Office, Moshe Mizrahi, who deals with special events, said that "no lessons had been learned from the 40th or 30th anniversaries... This is a different nation today and the festivities have to be adapted to the times. The nonprofit organization was tied down by bureaucratic problems."

On a more optimistic note. Katsav said he hoped that "in two to three weeks" the plans would get moving and that "we will see lots of happy events next year, despite the short time left."

Edelstein: We're

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein yesterday presented an upbeat picture of efforts being made by bis ministry, saying that while a good deal of work remains to be done, "we are headed in the right direction."

He told the Knesset Immigration and Absorption Committee that the drop in immigration from the former Soviet Union, which some bad predicted would be as high as 20 percent-25% this year, is "in. the process of easing up" and would be only about 11% for the period from January to September.

He said he expects some 60,000 new immigrants next year, and that the number of immigrants may be affected by reports that the US is considering doing away with the refugee status granted to Jews from the former Soviet Union.

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A ministry spokesman said that while such a decision has not yet been made, there is some pressure in US government circles in that direction. The US let in about 35,000 Jews with this status last year, the spokesman said.

Immigration through the first nine months of the year was 46,950; 37,300 from the former Soviet Union. A total of about 60.000 immigrants are expected

by the end of the year.
Last year 41,700 immigrants came from the FSU of a total of 51,860. During the same period in 1995, there were 45,800 from the

FSU, and 55,600 total. Edelstein rejected claims that the immigrants coming are "old and uneducated," saying that the majority are young people.

Unemployment among new immigrants is 11%-12%, "as bad overall as it is in the worst pockets of Israel," Edelstein said. He said some 50 retraining courses in high-tech fields have been opened throughout the country, training some 600 immigrants. He also pointed to the high success rate of a program designed to create immigrant entrepreneurs. Some 10,000 businesses have been started by immigrants, he said, creating some 30,000 johs. Of the entrepreneurs, 73% are still in business, and half of the others bave opted to try again after their initial business failed.

Some 4,300 housing solutions were found for new immigrants in the past year, he said, adding that "as long as one grandmother who came here in 1990 can look me in the eye and ask me: 'When will I finally have my own place to live," we still haven't done enough."

Beduin ask for PM's support against Eitan

By BATSHEVA TSUR

Leaders of the Beduin community yesterday called on Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to come to their support after what they described as an unprecedented and unfair attack by Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan.

We have given our best to the state and the state has given us nothing," said Hassan Heib, a lieutenant-colonel in the IDF. Eitan owes his advancement in the army to the Beduin, but when he comes to the Negev, he makes dangerous statements."

In a letter published last week, Eitan - a former chief of staff warned against the Beduin taking control of state lands in the Negev and questioned their future loyalty in the IDF.

MK Talch a-Sanaa (Democratic Arah Party) who held a press confcrencc yesterday together with heads of Beduin local councils in the Negev and Galilee, announced that they plan to meet with the various factions in the Knesset to dcmand equal rights with Jewish local councils.

"If our demands are not met we will begin demonstrating from Sunday outside the Prime Minister's Office," he said.

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Clintoo in Washington tomorrow.

Argentinian voters punish **Peronists**

By IAN PHILLIPS

BUENOS AIRES (AP) Argentina's opposition headed for victory in congressional elections, with voters opting for change despite the strong economic record of Presideot Carlos Menem's Peronist Party.

With 72 percent of the votes counted nationwide on Sunday, the two opposition parties which form The Afliance - the centrist Civic Radical Union and the left-leaning Frepaso coalition - had 46 percent compared to 36 percent for the Peronists.

An earlier exit poll conducted by television network Channel 13 mdicated that The Alliance beat the Peronists in key Buenos Aires province 49% to 42%.

The province's governor, Eduardo Duhalde - whose wife headed the Peronist ticket - said he believed The Alliance would take the province, which has been a Peronist fortress and is home to

40% of the electorate. In the capital itself, a separate voting district, The Alliance received 62%, while the Peronists were a distant second with 15%, the exit

poll said. Interior Minister Carlos Corach acknowledged the voting showed "a clear tendency" favoring The

With the government's absolute working majority in the Lower House of Congress wiped out, the

Peronist Party will have to "negotiate and seek consensus" with opposition parties to get legislation passed, he said. In total, 127 seats of the 257-

member Lower House were up for grabs. Prior to the vote, the Peronists held 131 seats, enough for a majority. The Radicals hold 68 and Frepaso 22. Smaller parties

split the remaining 36. The results indicated the Peronists would lose 10 seats and the two parties of The Alliance

would gain 14. The elections did not affect Argentina's senate, where seats will be op for renewal in 2001 elections.

China, Russia achieve breakthrough over border

BEIJING (Reuters) - China and Russia will issue a major announcement on demarcation of their disputed border during a visit by Russian President Boris Yeltsin oext month, Deputy Foreign Minister Zhang Deguang said yes-

The Jerusalem Post Tuesday, October 28, 1997

Jiang opens

visit to US

in Hawaii

By BRUCE DUNFORD

HONOLULU (AP) - A stab at

the hula, a beef steak cooked rare

and a visit to the USS Arizona

memorial at Pearl Harbor. Chinese

President Jiang Zemin had a busy

day as he began his US visit with

In the first state visit to the

United States by a Chinese leader

in 12 years, Jiang was given a 21-

gun salute upon his arrival. More

than a bundred people from

Hawaii's Chinese community

between the two couotries.

"I believe that through the joint efforts of China and the US, my

visit will deepen our mutual

understanding, broaden our com-

mon ground and promote friend-

ship and cooperation between our

two countries, and that China-US

relations will enter a new stage of

development," Jiang said in a

"I will also meet a broad spec-

trum of people of the US and see

with my own eyes achievements

the American people have made in

economic and social develop-

Following the arrival ceremony, Jiang traveled in a motorcade to

Pearl Harbor, where he placed a wreath at the USS Arizona

Memorial and dropped a floral lei

In Washington, US Secretary of

State Madeleine Albright said

Jiang will get a firsthand look at

democracy as Americans speak

out about China's human rights

record. "I think that they will probably see what America's real-ly like," Albright said. "And if

they are not prepared for it, they

ought to be because I think that

Americans feel very strongly

Albright, interviewed Sunday on

NBC television's "Meet the

Press," said that when Jiang meets

Clinton, they will cover a whole

gamet of issues, including trade,

fabout the buman rights issue]."

ment," Jiang said.

in the harbor.

statement issued to the press.

a stopover in Hawaii.

The work of demarcating the eastern section of the border has seen a breakthrough," the Xinhua news agency quoted Zhang as say-

When President Yeltsin visits China the two sides will issue a major announcement," he said, but gave no more details.

waved American and Chinese flags and chanted "Welcome! Welcome!"at Hickam Air Force Russia has said full and final Jiang, whose one-day Hawaiian demarcacion of the 4,300-km. borstopover was a prelude to the more der was expected to be completed serious business ahead when he during a visit by Yeltsin in early meets President Bill Clinton in November. A border document Washington, said he hoped his would be the first between the giant visit would deepen understanding neighbors.

The exact date of Yeltsin's visit, which would mark the fifth summit between Russia and China, has yet to be announced but Zhang said it would take place in the first

By LEE YANOWITCH

BORDEAUX, France (Reuters)

- Freocb doctors said yesterday

that accused Nazi collaborator.

Maurice Papon had to remain in

hospital at least two more days,

forcing a further suspension of

his trial for crimes against

Judge Jean-Louis Castagnede

ordered a separate check on the

coodition of the 87-year-old

French former cabinet minister

after the Haut Leveque bospital

oear Bordeaux said he was not fit

to atteod the hearings until tomor-

"A check of the condition of Mr.

Maurice Papon carried out this

morning does not allow him to

atteod the hearing today and

tomorrow," a hospital statement

Papon, who was taken to the

bospital with a serious bout of

bronchitis last Thursday, would

remain in the cardiology unit and a

fresh health check would be made

Castagnede appointed Paris

Prof. Rene Parieote, one of

row at the earliest.

humanity.



Chinese President Jiang

10 days of November. Kremlin officials have said the trip was planned for around November 9-11.

Most of the long frontier, scene of armed clashes at the height of the rivalry between the two communist giants in the late 1960s, has been agreed and mapped in negotiations that started in 1992.

out separate checks on behalf of

the court and report by today when

Papon, who had triple heart

bypass surgery last year, would be

Papon is accused of ordering the

arrest of 1,560 Jews from the

Bordeaux region for deportation to

death camps during World War II,

when he was a senior civil servant

He bas denied the charges and

says he remained in his position as

secretary-general of the Bordeaux

prefect's office at the request of

had been in custody in hospital he

would not have been ill, have

taken walks at midnight, drunk

freely with his meals and smoked

like a chimney," a lawyer for the

Relatives of Jews Papoo is

accused of helping to deport are

still reeliog from Castagnede's

decision early in the trial to release

Papon rather than hold him in bos-

The further suspension of the three-week-old trial, after hearings

"He may be really ill, but if he

the anti-Nazi Resistance.

civil plaintiffs said.

pital between bearings.

in the pro-Nazi Vichy regime.

able to return to the courtroom.



Yeltsin

Plaintiffs angry as Papon trial delayed again

But questions remain over two tiny strips of land in the eastern part of the border area, which some Russian regional leaders believe were surrendered to China at the expense of Russia's national secu-

During Yeltsin's visit, the two sides would issue a joint communique and sign several cooperative

Friday last week, upset the sched-

ule of witness testimooy and

defense strategy," said Alain Jakubowicz, a lawyer for the civil

Lawver Gerard Boulanger, who

took the first legal steps against

Papon in 1981, feared that bis

attorneys were trying to make the

trial run into January, forcing a 10-

day boliday break before the final

"The jury would then only retain

The trial cannot continue unless

Papon is present because under

French law a suspect may oot be

tried in absentia unless his absence

is voluntary. The trial began on

October 8 and is due to continue

uotil December 23, when the ver-

Historians had been scheduled

to start testifying yesterday, with

American Robert Paxton, an

expert on France's wartime Vichy

Castagnede asked Paxton, a said.

government, taking the stand.

the defense's final argument," he

"I say it loud and clear: this is a

angered lawyers.

defense arguments.

dict is expected.

plaintiffs.

agreements, Zhang said.

They would also issue a statement on progress in bilateral relations, he said. Zhang gave no more details. Moscow and Beijing, which formed a strong political and military bloc in the 1950s, started improving their relations in the late 1980s after two decades of hostili-

They have said they were seeking a "strategic partnership" that would rule out both confrontation and forming any formal alliances. Chinese President Jiang Zemin

visited Moscow last April, after Yeltsin visited China last year. During Jiang's visit, Moscow, Beijing, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan

and Tajikistan signed a treaty on troop reductions along the former Soviet-Chinese border, which stretches for more than 7,000 km. Full details of the deal have not

been made public, but it limits land forces, short-range aviation and ano-aircraft defense deployed in a

who traveled from New York, if he

could stay until next Monday.

Paxton said it would be "difficult

but not impossible" to stay after

Paxton is due to explain how the

Vichy government assisted the

Nazis in their plan to exterminate

Valery Giscard d'Estaing, who

was president of France in the

1970s wheo Papon served as bud-

get minister, was asked to testify

for the defeose but declined,

telling the daily Le Monde in an

interview that he had no disclo-

Giscard d'Estaing, who was 18

years old when the war ended in

1945, said the world was watching

the trial for an admission that

France was guilty of the crimes of

Nazi Germany, but it should not

being made with Germany.

"I reject the comparison that is

"The Germans shaped their his-

tory. The French people suffered

occupation by a foreign army

which was imposing its rule," be

tomorrow.

the Jews.

sures to make.

get one.

The wrong target

here's hypocrisy – and then, there's politics. Washington condemned the visit of South Africa's Nelson Mandela to Libya, at the same time busily preparing a mass of red carpets for China's President Jiang Zemin. Col. Muammar Gadaffi is no

one's favorite dictator, especially since his adamant refusal to hand over his terrorists suspected of bombing Pan Am Flight 103 nine years ago.
But if nobody has yet been put

on trial for that crime - neither has any-Column One

body been put on trial for the bloody massacre Tiananmen Square, for which China's preseot leadership

was collectively responsible. Strip away the politically-correct strait-jackets and it was all right for

Mandela to go to Libya, and for President Clinton to welcome President Jiang.

Mandela went because it is typical of the man to be loyal to those who were his friends when he needed friends - when he was left to rot in an apartheid prison for more than a quarter of a century.

Yadda Yasser

Many Israelis have also been tuttutting about Mandela. That's a lot more than used to tut-tut about many of their own officials fawning over the bloody Romanian Nicolae Ceaucescu, or creepy South American - and South African – generals.

Nor should we easily forget the unseemly official excitement and media hoopla over a possible rapprochement when the same Gadaffi, in one of his bouts of illogical eccentricity, sent pilgrims through Israel a couple of years ago.

Mandela may be either as cunning as a bushveld fox, or more than a bit naive and innocent after all his years in jail - but it is indefensible to accuse him of giving Gadaffi's system a stamp of approval.

Those who say I should not be here lack morals," said Mandela in Tripoli. "I am not going to join them in their lack of morality." Mandela spent 27 years in jail rather than abandon his principles strated that he feels the same way about his debt, not only to the likes of Gadaffi and Yasser Arafat personally, but to everyone who was steadfast in his people's years of struggle - whether they were ordinary Libyans, Africans and Palestinians abroad, or Jews and white liberals at home.

Like Yitzhak Rabin and Binyamin Netanyahu, Mandela indeed has shaken Arafat's hand.

Who will say Netanyahu or Ehud Barak will not one day grasp Gadaffi's too, if it proves expe-

dient? As Mandela arrived for this past weekend's biennial

Commonwealth Summit Edinburgh, Scots seemed more curious as to whether Mandela had made any progress in persuading Gadaffi to

release the bombing Thomas O'Dwyer suspects for trial. Apparently not - but that may not be the last word. There is a growing feeling that maybe Britain should accept having the two Libyan suspects tried

at a neutral venue. London and Washington, not unreasonably, insist either on Scotland - the scene of the crime, or the United States - as the plane was technically on US territory carrying mainly US citizens. In any case, he left again last night for a return trip via Gadaffi,

so it is clear he is actively trying to break the impasse. And despite the frothy fuss over his journey to a country under United Nations sanctions, it was clear the world's respect for Mandela has survived. He shared with British Prime

Minister Tony Blair star billing at a remarkably successful (for a change) four-day Commonwealth summit. His country will host the next,

late in 1999, but South Africa will have its presidential elections before that. "My country at least will have

the honor of hosting the Commonwealth," said Mandela."As for me, though, 1 might be standing on the roadside with a placard saying 'Please help

me, I am unemployed'." It was vintage Mandela, and the hall rocked with laughter. Gadaffi or no Gadaffi, the world would still forgive him almost anything.

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American werewolves in Washington

Vice President Al Gore and wife Tipper pose in their Halloween costumes last night at their residence in Washington where the couple hosted a Halloween party.

The great wall of steel

While Beijing contends that unrest in the northwestern regions has stabilized, it calls on China's Moslems to fight separatism

By JANE MACARTNEY

KASHGAR, China - In China's westernmost city of Kashgar, hundreds of mourners filed into the Aidkah mosque to bid farewell to Abdul Miti, remembered for his part in an anti-

Chinese rebellion in the 1940s. Miti, 65, had died during the night and was buried within 24 hours in accordance with Moslem law. He was guaranteed a solemn

send-off in China's second largest mosque by his position as a government official and as a veteran of the 1946 Three Districts Revolution against the ruling Nationalists that was co-opted by the Communists, who were then in opposition.

Recent uprisings in the western Xinjiang region against rule from Beijing have been met with less warmth by China's Communist rulers. Ringleaders and participants have been swiftly executed or jailed.

The situation is now very stable," said Liu Yushen, head of the Foreign Affairs office of the Xiniiang Autonomous Region.

"Relations between the Han and the minorities are very harmonious; there are no major problems in living and working in peace," he said.

Ethnic Han Chinese account for about 3g percent of the 16 million people in Xinjiang. The rest are Turkic-speaking Uighurs and other mainly Moslem minorities.

rule, officials say.

But these are a very small minority," said one official in the town of Khotan.

Khotan was rocked by bloody riots two years ago when some 800 people protested against the removal of a charismatic mullah whose speeches were drawing huge crowds.

The town of Kashgar has also seen anti-Chinese unrest in the past but for the moment seems relaxed.

The great Sunday bazaar in Kashgar sees thousands of Uighurs gather to market their produce and to sell and buy livestock. One Uighur cloth merchant sitting cross-legged among his colorful wates looked amazed when asked whether he disliked his Han Chinese rulers.

A young Uighur hammering molten gold into earrings over an ancient anvil shrugged and smiled at a similar question. "My business is good, I am happy, said another artisan selling musical instruments in the old city.

Any police or military presence is extremely discreet in Kashgar and Khotan or in any of the smaller trading towns along the southern Silk Road that runs between Xinjiang's Taklamakan desert and the Kunlun mountains.

There is little sign that Beijing is using the army as a force to intimidate its unruly Moslem mioorities. The only overt indications of

Not all are happy with Chinese trouble are tattered propaganda banners strung across roads in

small market towns. "Fight against violent crime and oppose splittism to protect the motherland," reads one banner written in both Chinese characters and Uighur Arabic above the main road in the trading town of Yarkand.

Xinjiang's Han Chinese Communist Party leaders have called on the region's people to erect a "great wall of steel" to fight separatists and to crack down on those who use religion to foment unrest.

Last February, anti-Chinese riots in the town of Yining on the border with Kazakhstan left nine dead and 198 injured. In May. eight people were executed for the planting of home-made bombs on buses in the regional capital Urumqi. The explosions were timed to coincide with the funeral of the late leader Deng

Officials say the problem is not one of ethnic tension but of political misunderstanding among the uneducated, who are easily manipulated by Uigbur activists operating from abroad. "They have a political aim to subvert China, and they use religious slogans and the ethnic issue to attain their goals," said Liu.

China frequently blames foreign forces for stirring up unrest within its borders - although Beijing stops short of identifying

any single country.
Officials in Xinjiang cited neighboring Pakistan as well as Saudi Arabia, where the fundamentalist Wahabi school would be a likely group eager to support what they might see as fellow Sunni Moslems beleaguered by secular Chinese rule.

"The Moslems in China are seen as the last Moslems under Communism, and they are increasingly receiving world Moslem attention," said Dru Gladney, senior research fellow at the East-West Center and professor at the Asian Studies Program at the University of Hawaii.

Gladney, an expert on China's Moslem minorities, said there was little likelihood the Uighur militants could mount a real threat to secede from China, although they may be able to influence Beijing's international image and destabilize local

Religious leaders in Xinjiang bristle at the suggestion that Islam could be involved in the we must do two things, anti-China movement

would split the country, killing respect."

people and stealing," said Imam Tsadik Kara Haji, 60, bead of the Aidkah mosque and deputy director of the state-spousored Kasbgar Islamic Association.

"Those involved in splittist activities do not understand Islam," he said, citing the attempted assassination in May 1996 of his colleague Aronghanaji, top leader of Xinjiang's Moslems, as the 73-year-old imam strolled to prayers

in Aidkah mosque.

Aronghanaji's assailant had been executed, the imam said, pointing a finger at his forehead to mimic the firing squad.

Asked if he feared a similar attack by extremists who may regard him as a collaborator, the white-turbaned imam shrugged. "We believe in destiny. Who knows? But we are not afraid." But be may bave reason to fear. Behind the air of calm, behind

the overt bonhomie between Uighurs and the Han Chinese who cannot even speak their language, there flows a frostier undercurrent.

"I can speak Chinese but I don't like to, no one here does," said an elderly Uighur as he sat crosslegged sipping tea in Kashgar.
"The Han don't like us and we know it. And we don't like them." Some Uighurs complain that the Chinese broadcast their morning and evening news bulletin through blaring loudspeakers to coincide with the Moslem call to

Others describe a feeling of oppression.

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One wealthy merchant who has clearly benefited from China's policy of reform illustrated his discontent by placing an ashtray in the center of the table and marking e circle around it with his finger.

This is the Uighurs, surrounded by the police," said the busi-oessman. "The Han Chinese should get out of Xinjiang." He even dared to meotion the unmeotionable - the desire among Uighur militants to set up an independent "East Turkestan"

in Xinjiang.
"But if you call Xinjiang
"Turkestan," then the Chioese
will arrest you," he said.

Uighurs voice anger that jobs and opportunities are going to the Han Chinese pouring into the region from interior China. The fact that few Han Chinese, even those born in Xinjiang, bother to learn to speak Uighur is another irritant. "To resolve the ethnic problem.

local Han Chinese official. "We "Those who believe in Islam must boost economic developwould never take actions that ment, and we must bave mutual

Voyeurism on display

By KARIN TAYLOR

VIENNA - The death of tance. Yet the images remain Britain's Princess Diana has given the work of a group of young Austrian artists a sudden and almost uncanny relevance. In an exhibition called a stolen kiss.

"Paparazzi," the artists reveal the psychological dynamics that blurred shots snapped from a hidcome into play when the photographic trophies of celebrity bunters hit the press, catering to readers'

voyeurism. Paparazzi photographers on motorcycles raced after a Mercedes-Benz limousine carrying Diana as it sped toward a tunnel in Paris on August 31. Moments later, the car

craving for authentic

Media Update crashed, killing the Fayed, and driver Henri Paul.

The artists, known by their collective name of G.R.A.M., worked on the Paparazzi project for a year before its opening this month in Vienna coincided with media discussions in the aftermath of the high-speed car crash in Paris.

"We were shocked when our work was overtaken by reality." said Martin Behr, speaking for the artists' collective.

The four members of G.R.A.M. spent half a year in Los Angeles photographing neighbors and passers-by. These snapshots of everyday life were visually attuned to resemble paparazzi photography.

Blurred, coarse-grained and lacking composition, the pictures have the power to turn neighborhood rituals into incriminating

"We enable an unedited view of the border zones of life, such as sexuality. Our images intensify cliches so that the observer immediately associates mysterious goings-on with the pictures," Behr

G.R.A.M. invites the visitor to try out the role of a paparazzi. Binoculars afford a closer look at photographie scenes hung at a dis-

slightly out of focus, revealing a jeans-clad body thrown over the front seat of a car, a moment of intimacy between two women, or

In another sequence, five den vantage point trigger a suggestive chain of associa-

> A young woman in a scanty summer dress leans over the bonnet of a parked car, exposing her thighs. Stepping back, she appears to wait for a signal from inside. The driver's seat is shadowed in con-

trast to the bright princess, her companion Dodi sunlight of the street. Taking a closer look at the photo series, the visitor notes that the car may in fact be empty. But a few simple signals have sufficed to set off an emotionally charged film in the mind - and to "expose" the woman.

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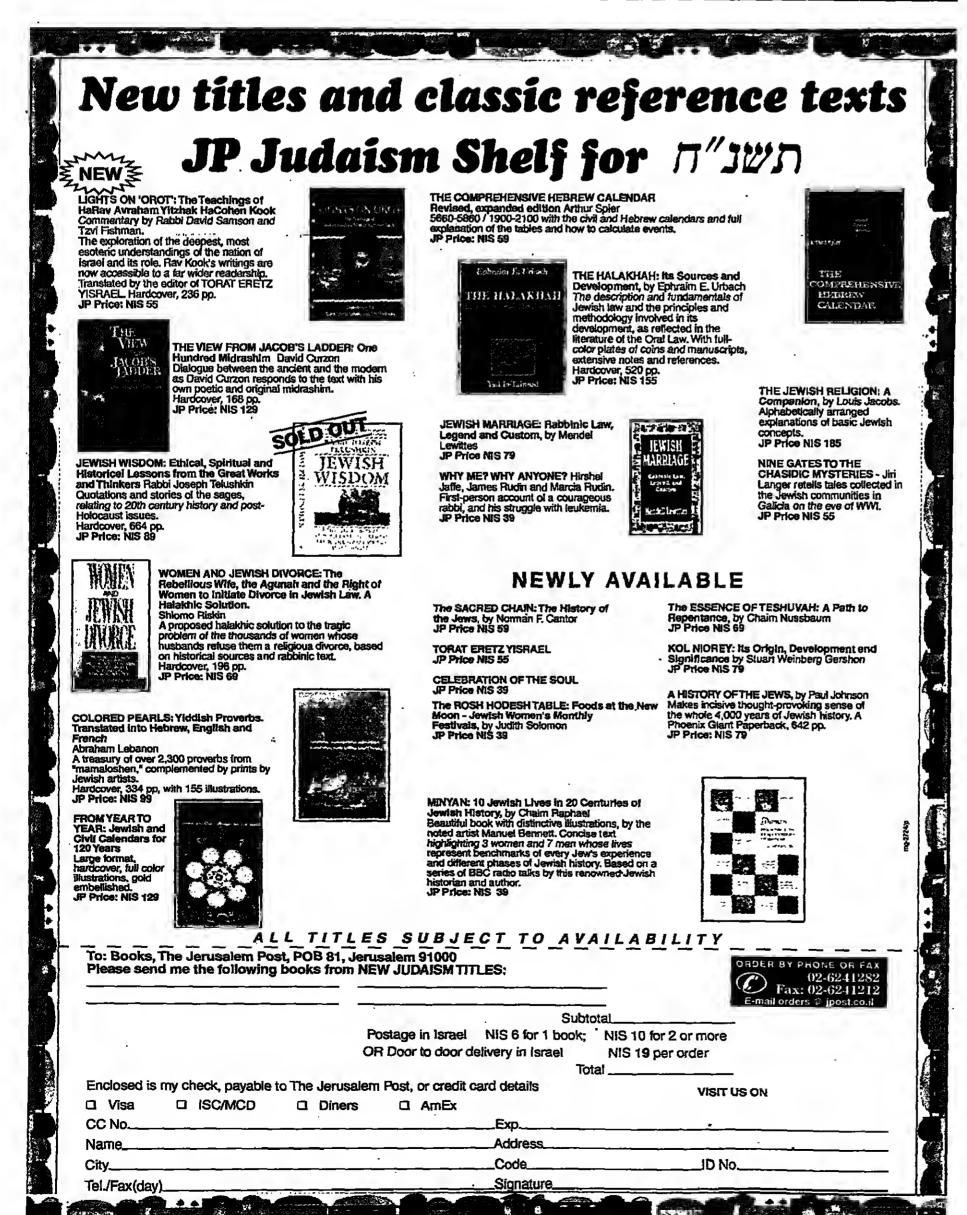
"Our intention is to make the observer a voyeur," explained Behr. He said G.R.A.M. had consid-

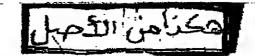
ered postponing the exhibition after news of Diana's death, but then decided to go ahead.

"We don't consider paparazzi bad as such." French investigators say it appears that excessive speed and alcohol were to blame for the crash of Diana's limo

rather than pursuing paparazzi.
In the words of G.R.A.M., modern people are "reality-junkies" addicted to increasing doses of authentic voyeurism in an age where images can be technically

faked with case. Paparazzi are simply players in a game that media experts describe as "the end of privacy," according to Behr.





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The Islamization of Dagestan The Sudanese way

By VANORA BENNETT

MAKHACHKALA. Russia -Prayer beads click on the street again and newly built mosques rise into the sky. Russia's Moslem south is in the throes of a religious revival, and would-be leaders are lining up to bring the faithful back

Where just a few years ago red flags and the bearded image of Lenin sprouted from every public building here, now the flags are Islamic green and the iconic bearded face on the banners is that of the region's holy warrior-hero, the 19th-century Imam Shamil.

The public renaissance of their faith and traditions, after decades of Soviet repression, is a source of innocent joy to most people in the Russian republic of Dagestan, near the Caspian Sea.

"When I was a child, everything about religion had to be kept quiet," said Timur Dzhafarov, 26, a journalist. "You'd say things like, 'Have you washed yet today?' to your sister, when you were really talking about praying. That wasn't long ago. But, thank God, it's all over." But the new Islamic fervor is also starting to become a source of worry, playing on Russia's fears that militant fundamentalism could seep in through its southern border and destabilize an already volatile fronder region.

Some Dagestanis fear that their leaders are peddling religion like a once-banned drug to distract public attention from the republic's high crime rate and faltering economy. Others worry about increasing rivalries between the men who want to control the religious reawakening. Still others fret about the harsh influence of a new fundamentalist movement imported from Saudi Arabia.

Moslem separaosts in war-ravaged Chechnya, oo Dagestan's border, are adding to the concerns of moderates with their overtures to the faithful of Dagestan to join up in a "single spiritual space," a suggestion sure to anger the region's

powerful overlord, Moscow.
"What's going on now is the overidealization of Islam," said Garun Kurbanov, head of the cultural faculty at Makhachkala University. "We seem to be going straight from ooe mono-ideology -worship of Lenin - to another." It's only politically correct to take !! Islam into account," he said: "Ten" years ago, most people in Soviet Dagestan would have called themselves atheists, at least in public, dinough many quietly believed in private. Now 90 percent of people say they're Moslems, although it's my opinion that only half of them are really convinced believers and the rest are waverers on the edge of faith or just followers of fashion."

For many Dagestanis, taking refuge in religion is a relief from the chaos in other parts of their

post-Soviet lives. In : Makhachkala, unemployed youths loiter, smoking, on street corners outside crumbling apartment blocks. Nervous hotel staff operate from behind iron grilles, guarded by gunmen. Middlemen charge would-be students bribes of thousands of dollars apiece to

sign up at the university. Crime rates are higher than in other parts of Russia. After a 21-

month war between the Russian army and the Chechen separatists. the whole region is awash with guns. Soviet-era factories here have shut down, and the local economy now runs at least in part on illegal trade in caviar, oil and guns, and on dubious import-export business among Russia, Turkey and the Middle East. Political assassinauons are regular events.

Public debate as reported in the

Dagestan's respected official cleric, is opposed by flamboyant Nadyrshah Khachilayev, one of a family of tall, bearded brothers who have risen to prominence in post-Soviet times. Another brother, Magomed, is the fisheries minister. Nadyrshah, who says proudly that he mei Nation of Islam

The mufti said he summoned Khachilayev for a "necessary" three-hour dressing-down after reading the article, demanding he

Quarrels between Moslem leaders apart, the bigger issue of resurgent Islam in the south makes Moscow nervous. The south's hisguerrillas and Russian armies.



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two-year-old Russian Moslem

meek local media focuses on "safe" questions about religion: whether good Moslems would accept the idea of putting up a memorial to Imam Shamil, or how best to celebrate this year's 200th anniversary of the warlord's birth.

A quarrel over the direction of

Dagestan's religious movement is

through KGB instruction...and splitting public opinion and underhistory will show how many are mining the mufti's authority. Saidmukhammed Abubakarov,

Council.

In July, Khachilayev used the Moscow and local media to denounce Dagestan's other Moslem leaders and ionguelashed tradioonal village sheikhs who quietly practiced their faith in Soviet times, saying they "all went

also Brinish spies."

Last century, Shamil, imam of Dagesian and Chechnya, led his followers on a 30-year holy war against Russian colonial rule, spurred on to resistance against impossible odds by their belief in

freedom and God. This year, as Dageslan and Chechnya celebrate their shared hero's anniversary, Russia is being reminded of its recurring fear that a newly "Islamicized" Dagestan

to warm, fresh bread

might - as it did last century - join forces with separaost Chechnya and fight together to escape Russian rule.

Movladi Udugov, Chechnya's deputy prime minister and information minister, added to those fears by hringing together 35 Dagestani and Chechen Islamic groups in Chechnya in August. They established an Islamic Nation movement whose aim, Udugov said, was to reunite

Chechnya and Dagestan. But few people io politically quieted Dagestan are keen to repeat the Chechen experience. Chechnya lost 20,000 people under attack by Russian troops from 1994 to 1996, and the rebel republic's postwar experiments with Shari'a law including public floggings and televised executions — have caused horror in Russia.

Dagestan's Communist-led government is eager to avoid offending Russia and drawing retribution.

The most pressing religion-relat-ed worry of all, for phlegmatic city types in Makhachkala, is the quiet rise of the fundamentalist Wahhabi movement from Saudi Arabia. Unlike the folksy Islam of southern Russia - a type of Sufi mysticism — this movement is purist, radical and, say its opponents, dangerous.

Conflict between Wahhabis and traditional Sufi believers hit the headlines in Dagestan in May. when 1,000 supporters of the rival sides clashed in the central village of Karamakhi. Three people were

The village, it turns out, was well supplied with weapons, although no one could say from where.

Wahhabi violence has also been reported in Chechnya. Khasanbek Yakhyayev, a mullah in the Chechen capital, Grozny, was gunned down outside his home in June. His killer. later slain by Yakhyayev's relatives, was a Wahhabi believer angered by the mullah's recent denunciations of

Over the years, the Moslems of southern Russia formed small Sufi worship groups, based on families and clans; each followed a charismade leader. This resistance-cell structure helped them survive Czarist and Soviet repression. When their leaders died, worshippers made mini-pilgrimages to graves, leaving behind reverent marks of respect - handkerchiefs tied to trees or wishes for a happy future at what quickly became shrines.

But Islam does not allow priests or shrines, just a direct dialogue with God. "The Sufism practiced here is more like Christianity than Islam, with its cults and saints," said Mohammed Shaffi, a softspoken Wahhabi spokesman. "It's taken on a form which shouldn't exist in Islam." The Wahhahis' ostentatious purity does not impress Makhachkala's sophisocates. "I can't see wby they think that growing long beards and wearing their trousers three inches too short makes them holier than everyone else," said one suspicious academic in his 40's.

"They're kids dressing up as devout Arabs. This is not our tradition. It's time they grew up. And where," he added uneasily, "did they get those guns from in Karamakhi? And whom will they turn them on next?"

(Los Angeles Times)

The

By MATTHEW BIGG

NAIROBI - Rebels in Sudan have come a long way sloce they started fighting the government in the years before independence in 1956, converting a secessionist agenda into a complex package of goals, regional experts say.

Yet in the miods of many Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) commanders, the struggle against Khartoum remains a simple one. Mideast "They (Khartoum)

see it as a war between Christians and Moslems. We see it as a freedom struggle," Thomas Cirillo, commander of the SPLA's preparations to take the southern capital Juba, said earlier this

Officials of the Sudan People's Liberadon Movement (SPLM), the SPLA's political wing, said self-determination for the south would top their agenda at peace talks due to start in the Kenyan capital on October 28 (Tuesday).

The talks are organized under the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD), a group-ing of seven regional states includng Sudan and chaired by Kenya. "The SPLA will be going in for

Garang, a man of wide political contacts after nearly two decades of fighting and diplomacy, cuts an impressive figure as the SPLA's military leader and its most articulate advocate.

The SPLA argues that longstanding discrimination by

the north against Christians and southerners underlies their war Above all, its leaders wish to resist the imposition of Moslem sharia law throughout the coun-

Some SPLA commanders, predomi-nantly black Africans, refer to their northern adversaries as "Arabs" and are fired by stories

of religious and ethnic persecution by the north. In one example, an SPLA garrison at Kalipapa on the Juba front reported rescuing a 13year-old girl who said she had been taken captive by a northern family in 1995 and later abandoned.

"Finding this girl is significant because she is a southerner and the Arabs want to take children and make them slaves or train them to fight against us, Lieutenant Natalino Losuva said. Yet criocs accuse the SPLA of

Is the civil war about ethnic-religious issues or freedom?

self-determination and democracy, not only for south Sudan but for the whole of Sudan - a secular democratic state," said Bethuel Kiplagat, a former senior Kenyan diplomat with long experience of

After a series of military and diplomatic gains this year the SPLA now stands a reasonable chance of eventually winning some form of self-determination as a concession from the National Islamic Front government, region-

SPLA leader John Garang insisted last mooth he did not want to secede from Khartourn and said the organization goals were selfdetermination, a secular state, freedom of religion and more autonomy for the south.

dominaoon by ethnic Dinkas and argue that even within its own territory the SPLA has struggled to convince people that the conflict is ideological.

The critics clte as evidence a split in 1991, reinforced in April this year, between the SPLA and former SPLA commander Riak Machar, an ethnic Nuer, wbo leads a mainly Nuer force in Blue Nile province. More than 1.3 million people

have died through war and famine in Sudan since 1983. Around nine million people live in the south's vast tracts of swampy savannah. The area, described by one aid worker as "some of the leastdeveloped real estate in the world, contains oil, mineral and potential agricultural wealth. (Reuters)

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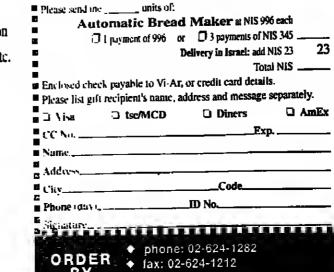
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Save the Neeman compromise

Then it comes to destroying Jewish unity, there is one thing that the It would be a mistake, however, to portray Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox communities can all agree on: The other side is at fault. Both sides have ample evidence to make their case, but until yesterday, the burden of proof lay on the shoulders of the Orthodox, who seemed to be rejecting the brewing recommendations of the Neeman Committee. But by rejecting the "time-out" requested by Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman, the Reform and Conservative movements have, in one misguided stroke. largely lifted that burden from the Orthodox and placed it on themselves.

The Neeman Committee, as a forum for Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox rabbis to bammer out together a modus vivendi on the thorny issues of conversion and marriage, itself represents a breakthrough in the quest for Jewish unity. Many understandably doubted that it would come up with anything but the narrowest of bureaucratic fixes, such as tinkering with the "nationality" line on the official identity card.

Instead, the committee, after months of hard work and setbacks, developed what could be the beginning of an historic compromise. On conversion, a joint body representing the major Jewish movements would be established by the Jewish Agency to prepare those interested in conversion. The final stage of the process would then be carried out by Orthodox courts specializing in conversion, according to Halacha.

Regarding marriages, Reform and Conservative rabbis would, for the first time, be allowed to officiate at weddings, provided that the Chief Rabbinate provide the two balachically required witnesses.

The unspoken guiding principle behind these arrangements is that Reform and Conservative defer to Orthodox requirements regarding Halacha, while the rabbinate opens a chink in its wall of objection to any form of recognition of its "rival" movements.

On its face, it seems that Reform and Conservative have given in more, particularly on the issue of conversion. The compromise may not include a commitment, from the rabbinate to reverse the trend towards increasing stringency in its interpretation of halachic requirements, particularly regarding the convert's future level of observance. Without such a commitment, or at least an implicit understanding, the new arrangement might not necessary.

It would be a mistake, however, to portray the committee's proposals as a defeat for the Reform and Conservative movements. Though the degree of recognition afforded those movements may seem small, it is exactly the foot in the door that endless fighting in the High Court

has not achieved for them. In the end, it is the Reform and Conservative movements themselves that are responsible for their lack of presence in Israel. The Orthodox establishment has certainly thrown up as many obstacles as possible, but it is far from clear that absent such obstacles, the Israeli public would gravitate loward American-style alternatives to Orthodoxy.

Ultimately, the battle among the movements for the Israeli public will not be won in the courts or in the Knesset, but by attraction through personal example and familiarity. Highprofile, politicized battles may be good for publicity and fundraising, but they hardly meet the real challenge of swaying hearts and minds, one

Right now, it is the Reform and Conservative movements that have chosen the political battlefield, rather than give a good compromise that they ostensibly support time to be accepted by the rabbinate. By seeming to throw that compromise out the window, the Reform and Conservative have alienated most of their potential allies against the conversion bill, not only in the Third Way and Yisrael Ba' Aliya, but even in Labor and Meretz.

If these movements wisely back down and agree to Neeman's proposed delay of both the court cases and Knesset bills, the pressure will be back on the Orthodox establishment to accept the committee's proposals. The Labor Party, for one, is saying that it will oppose the conversion bill if, after a time-out of a few weeks, the rabbinate refuses to accept the Neeman compromise.

Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg, in an inexplicable fit of divisiveness, seemed to be almost alone in backing the Reform and Conservative's surprise move, saying that serious fight is better than a bad compromise. Burg and what ever firebrands advised this ill-timed step are wrong: The Neeman compromise is worth fighting for, and that means keeping the battle out of the courts and Knesset as long as

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR I

MACCABIAH DAMAGE

reached an untenable situation.

Sir, - Nothing bas damaged the relationship between the Jewish community of Australia and the people of Israel as much as the Maccabiah and its aftermath. Nothing has affected the perception of bow Israel views the Jewish community of Australia as has the appalling lack of responsiveness and sheer footdragging of World Maccabi and the Israeli government in this matter.

I write this open letter to the people of Israel because ! believe that most of you felt ashamed that such a thing as the bridge collapse could occur in the first place, and in the hope that you will all urge the government and World Maccabi to take the action that is morally correct and ensure that

To date we have had relatively few requests of Israel, made away from the public glare, as we have always been careful to avoid embarrassing Israel, but we have

HYSTERICAL CRITICISM

Sir. - It's amazing how low the once proud Labor Party has sunk. Instead of taking a leaf out of Tony Blair's campaign by telling the public what it would do if they were in power, we receive hysterical criticism in their efforts to bring down our elected government, which is trying to save Israel from the quagmire the Labor government put Israel into. The Labor Party should wake up and try to come to terms with its loss of power I'm glad I do not vote Labor anymore.

EVELYN DAR-EL Haifa.

We are aware that Israel has many concerns and that there are always emergencies and grave problems but we feel that we deserve better: The Maccabiah tragedy should be made a top priority. We requested a small amount of

money as a loan to be repaid when the insurance money arrives. This request was ignored for a long time, before it was finally dealt

We requested an analysis of the Yarkon water in order to ensure that treatment of our injured is done on a better informed basis. The authorities again dragged their feet and we ourselves had to take water samples for analysis in Australia.

We have demanded that those responsible for the tragedy - those who built the bridge, those who approved the bridge, those who allowed this terrible incident to occur be identified and charged

QUEER COUNTRY

Sir, - Returning home from New York City just before Rosh Hashana, I can only marvel at the kind of queer country Israel has become. lo New York dawn breaks around seven o'clock in the morning and millions of Jews, including the messiahs of Crown Heights work and pray without a murmur of protest. Here we idle in bed because of the end of Daylight Savings Time whilst the sun is up in the sky. If bright daylight can be squandered in such a way, our future looks dim.

Givatayim.

YAIR NOAM

and that those responsible be removed from their positions so that such tragedies would not occur in the future.

The Dotan report was released nothing resulted. We believe that the police report has been concluded and is in the bands of the government

Why is the government sitting on the report? Why have the results not been released? Why has no one taken or been forced to take responsibility? Why do the people of Israel not insist that their government do the decent, moral and just thing? We expect that the culpable parties be brought to speedy trial. We expect Israel to take the Jewish community of Australia seriously.

DR. RON WEISER President, Zionist Federation of Australia.

Sydney, Australia

STUDYING GEOGRAPHY

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50 years ago. On October 28, 1947. The Palestine Post reported that in Petah Tikva a two-story

house was wrecked and two young men injured when an explosion in a second-floor room

shook the whole area. "The Jews of Palestine are pre pared to carve their own destiny and they have a well-trained army," Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver told the 33rd Annual Hadassah Convention in Atlantic City.

The UN Ad Hoc Partition

Committee on Palestine split into various working groups while the US served notice that within the next few days it would offer 'specific and concrete suggestions" for carrying out the partition of Palestine, including "actual plans for the establishment of

Alexander Zvielli



Loss of innocence

Then acquitted by the Tell Aviv District Court. Jerusalem Mayor MK Ehud Olmert commented - half in earnest, half in jest - that, in retrospect, he was glad he had been indicted, since only thus was he

able to prove his innocence. In contrast, in a television interview, former attorney-general Michael Ben-Yair expressed dissatisfaction with the court's decision not to indict Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan. The court, claimed Ben-Yair, had missed an opportunity to "shape norms." Sentiments such as these reflect a dangerous attitude which has taken bold of the State Attorney's Office and the police,

It is not the job of the courts to 'dictate norms;" it is the job of the legislature. The thesis which Ben-Yair presented, whereby courts are responsible for dictating norms, is a dangerous concept. In effect, it justifies drawing the bull's eye around the arrow after it has been fired. In Ben-Yair's view, the court must convict a defendant on the basis of norms to be determined during his trial.

Lest there be doubt about my own position on this issue: It is both the right and the duty of the State Attorney's Office and the police to uphold the law, follow leads and prepare indicaments against criminals. No person is above the law. However, the worrisome phenomenon - especially when involving a public figure - of a person being convicted by the police or prosecution well before an indictment is weighed, is intolerable.

the media - nourished by police or judicial sources leaking slanted information. These sources utilize the power of the press to denounce the person in public, smear his name beyond repair and often to destroy his career.

Perhaps one could come to terms with this phenomenon retroactively, in cases where the suspect ends up being convicted in court. In such cases, the suspect

RUBY RIVLIN

what about the other cases increasingly routine - in which the suspect is never even indicted, let alone convicted?

Examples of this abound. Eitan is now agriculture minister, rather internal security minister. solely due to an indictment which the court determined should not have been submitted in the first place: Yaakov Neeman is not the

Acquittals come too late from the point of view of public figures, whose good name is

their main asset

justice minister for a similar reason. And let us not forget the slew of investigations conducted against the director-general of the Prime Minister's Office: Each opens with a great fanfare and a conviction in the media. Yet, so far, all have died in silence.

Acquittals or case closures come too late, from the point of view of public figures, whose good name is their main asset.

THE problem here lies not only in the fact that there are public "convictions:" nor in the abnormal situation at hand, in which public figures are considered guilty until the coun's decision is sometimes unwelcome, as pointed out earlier).

The problem is the lack of courage on the part of the police and prosecution to take responsibility. It is the lack of their desire to make less populist decisions. It is the spinelessness of these bodies - which refrain from making assessments regarding chances for conviction prior to indictment as though it is not their job to do so. is "only" convicted twice. But Instead they roll the ball into the The writer is a Likud MK.

court of the courtroom, not daring to refuse satiating the masses' lust for witnessing public "hangings" of public officials. From the perspective of the

defamed public official, this hanging" is performed even if a court of law takes birn off of the scaffold by way of a verdict. And even if an indictment is not served in the end.

Why doesn't the State Attorney's Office take responsibility? Who is it so afraid of? The various organizations of nitpickers whose leaders make their living submitting highly publicized petitions to the High Court of Justice?

A few months ago I proposed a law that would determine the duty of attorneys to examine the preindictment odds for securing court convictions, According to my proposal, a lawyer who submits an indictment without prior examination (defined in the proposed law), and who the court determines should not bave submitted the indictment, should bear civil and criminal responsibility with regard to the defendant.

In many countries, prosecutors are graded on a promotion scale based on the percentage of convictions (successes) they secure relative to indictments. This obliges lawyers - if only out of egocentric concerns - to examine the evidence at their disposal with a finemoth comb before deciding whether to indict.

Recently the Knesset interior committee accepted my proposal to establish a set of ethical guidewould be bound. The intention is to forbid manipulative leaks, to forbid publication of the names of investigators taking part in investigations (and who wish to further careers at the expense of famous suspects), and to determine the norms regarding how investigations are conducted. Perhaps this should be adopted for the State Anomey's Office as well.

Chinese fact and fantasy

been floating over the dis-cussion of US-China policy, but it wasn't until a few days ago that one heard it said out loud. It was spoken by Arianna Huffington at a debate ("Firing Line," Oct. 24) on the question of trading with China.

We have had month after month of public hearings having to do with the financing of the Democratic campaign of 1996, and the stress has been on the Asian presence. All that money directed to the campaign asking

Huffington says it's obvious. She suggested that what had been bought is the president of the United States and the Congress. Bought to do what? Bought to ignore the buman rights report of

the State Department and to contione trading with China under the most-favored-nation clause. Now Huffington had infimated her approach early in the two-hour debate by making a most extraordinary accusation. It is that Henry Kissinger argues in favor of con-

Mammon. tinuing trade because his consulting firm does business in China. She cited the Disney Co., which retained Kissinger Associates a fortnight ago, allegedly to guide Disney through the Chinese flak over the forthcoming Disney movie "Kundum," which dramatizes the communists' genocidal assault on the Tibet of the Dalai Kissinger was floored by the

charge and groped unsuccessfully for appropriate words to meet with it in the minute or so left to him in that segment of the debate. He managed to say that a mere 3 percent of the business done by Kissinger Associates relates to China, but Huffington then charged that Kissinger was slow

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to react to the Tiananmen Square Massacre of 1989 because of his commercial predilections on

Kissinger did say, in the final few seconds, that he thought it wrong to impute greed after 40 years of policy analysis under academic and public scrutiny. But the audience (of 7.000) roared with excitement at the drama - the

commercial greed and Chinese manipulation staggers the mind

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Greek-American writer/activist charging the former secretary of state of selling out to

Kissinger, for all his skills as a diplomat, is inexpert at crowd control in public debates. He might bave turned to Huffington and said: If I reasoned about you as you reason about me, wouldn't I venture that the nnly reason you married that mindless California millionaire was to clutch on to his money, which you did, and then divorce him, which you have done? But I am prepared to assume you had other mutives in marrying him. On Tiananmen Square, you are correct that I did not react to the military seizure with astonished iedignation, What astonished nic wasn't that the army moved into the square, it was that the protesters were permitted for so long to preside over the square - China is not a free

society. When I recommend policies on China, you should be prepared to assume I recommend them as what I consider to be in the best interests of the United

What hovered over the scene at the University of Mississippi was the question: Is it conceivable that the deployment of Chinese money is responsible for the dispensation under which our trade policies with China are operating? My own reaction is: Sure, and

Vincent Foster did not commit suicide, Lee Harvey Oswald was only one of the assassins, and Oliver Stone is right, the lid on the true story was put down with the cooperation of the FBI, the CIA, president Johnson and the Supreme Court. And yes, Robert Welch was actually correct President Eisenhower was a elandestine communist. The investigating committees

have elearly demonstrated that there were a lot of funny-money machinations in the 1996 campaign and that Asian and Asianrelated agents were very active. But to suggest that our policy - to continue to trade with China - is dictated by commercial greed and Chinese manipulation staggers the mind. We are talking about a policy endorsed by every living expresident, every living ex-secretary of state, every living ex-national security affairs adviser. To suggest that Henry Kissinger would eounsel policy contrary to the interests of his country as be understands them leaves the observer speechless.

How to explain such a charge? In the Huffington epistemology, one would have to find a commercial reason for it.

(Universal Press Syndicate)

Iam a Jew

SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF

That did Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyaha when when be whis-pered into the ear of the ancient mystic, Rabbi Yitzhak Kadouri. that the Left has forgotten what it is to be Jewish? According to Netanyahu and his spokesman Shai Bazak, this sentence should have been understood in conjunction with his remark about the Left baving banded Israel's seenrity over to the Arabs – a prob-lematic sentence in itself.

If indeed that is what he meant.

then it is Netanyahu who knows very little of Jewish history. For two thousand years Jews left their security in the hands of God and foreign rulers, and we know where that led us. It was the modem Zionist movement, under the leadership of the Left (as of the mid-1930s), that said that the security of the Jews could only be ensured through a wise combi-nation of self-defense, diplomacy and trying to seek accommodation with the Arabs - though not

at any price. This was Ben-Gurion's policy and this was Yitzhak Rabin's policy. The Zionist Right always placed emphasis on military power, belittling the importance of diplomacy and rejecting accommodation with the Arabs if any sort of price had to be paid. Thus, if Netanyahu meant what be said he meant, he once again proved that history is not one of

his fortes. However, anyone who heard the actual recording of what Netanyahu said, cannot but be impressed that he said two separate things: the first, that the Left had forgotten what it is to be a Jew and the second, that the Left had banded Israel's security over to the Arabs.

While I do not wish to go once again, into the question, of whether Israel's security is better served by means of cooperation with the Arabs or clashing with them head on. I would like to relate to the issue of what it means to be Jewish, if you happen to be secular, which is what I. and most of my left-wing colleagues, are and presumably Netanyahu as well.

I AM a Jewess. I am a Jewess according to Halacha because my mother is a Jewess, and I am a Jewess according to the Law of Return, because my mother is a Jewess and I am not a member of another faith. According to Orthodox Jews I am not a "good those commands that suit my universal-humanistic inclinations. That does not, bowever, make me any less Jewisb than any other

I am a Jewess. I was born a Jewess and shall die a Jewess, and I do not need Netanyahu to remind me what being a Jew means, for I never forgot. Like many other secular Jews in this country, my Jewishness manifests itself in the fact that my history, my terms of reference, my holidays and my fate are Jewish, and had I lived in Europe in the years 1939-45 I would most likely have ended my life in the furnaces of Auschwitz because of my Jewishness. I am a nonbelieving Jew, since I do not believe in God - certainly not the God of the Jews as he is perceived by Jewish Orthodoxy. I would define myself as an agnos-

J am a Jewess who was born in Palestine and lives in Israel - the Jewish state - as of choice. Almost 30 years ago I could have opted for a different life; marrying a non-Jewish man of fine character and personal qualities and impressive professional achievements, and raising children with a very different identity to my own in a peaceful European capital. But I chose not

As an Israeli, my identity card states my nationality as being Jewish - and that is also how I feel. Perhaps some day Israel will redefine itself as the the state of all its citizens, and then my nationality will be Israeli, though I shall still be Jewish as opposed to Arab. But, for better or worse, that day is still a far way off.

I suspect that if Netanyahu were to give the issue some serious thought, he would conclude that he is a Jew more in the sense that I have just described than in the sense of Rabbi Kadouri, with whom he shares a hirthday. However, I also suspect that Netanyahu never really gave the issue any serious thought, and the words he whispered in the ears of the mystic were unered with the same degree of seriousness and depth as those uttered by a child telling on another child to some passing adult he wishes to impress.

Perhaps at the age of 48, it is time for our prime minister to grow up.

The writer is a political scientist.

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How Jews fared 'Under Crescent and Cross' By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

nce upon a time, in a not-so-distant land, Jews and Arabs lived in harmony.

The Jews paid discriminatory taxes, had to wear an article of clothing that set them off from Moslems, bad no right of political self-determination, were prohibited by law from building new synagoguea or repairing old ones, were required by law to take a subservient role in any business partnerships with Moslems and were, by law, second-class citizens. It was a golden age.

Off the books, the Jews prospered, lived full Jewish lives, built new synagogues and repaired old ones, were generally dominant in business partnerships with Moslems, mingled fraternally with Moslems at various social levels, and

enjoyed extensive self-rule.

The land was Egypt – and, by extension, most of the Arab lands. The time was the high Middle Ages, the 10-13th centuries.

Are there lessons that Israelis and Arabs can learn today from that not-badat-all experience in coexistence?

No, says Prof. Mark Cohen of Princeton University, not if the aim is to use that history as a base for current policies. The circumstances then and now are just too dissimilar.

Yes, says Cohen, an authority on Jewish-Moslem relations in the Middle Ages, once Israelis and Palestinians have already made peace. This history can cement myths that will be useful in enabling the two peoples to live alongside each other as good neighbors.

Cohen, who has just completed a sabbatical at the Hebrew University, is the author of Under Crescent and Cross, which deals with Jewish life in the Christian and Islamic worlds during the Middle Ages. Those were two very different worlds for the Jews.

or poor, was obliged to pay a burden-some head tax to which Moslems were not subject. In addition, taxes on their commercial dealings were twice that applied to Moslems, Members of the minorities were obliged to wear apecial belts to make it clear to all that they were not Moslems. There were restrictions too on building or repairing houses of worship. In practice, notes Cohen, a professor of Near Eastern studies, these restrictions were honored mostly in the breach by the Moslem authorities except for taxation. "That's money after all, and they took it seriously."

Unlike in Europe, Jews were permissed to own land, both urban and rural. Jews were involved in agriculture as they bad been in Babylon as well. A major reason for the difference in attitudes towards Jews in the Moslem world from that in the Christian world was theological, contends Cohen. "Mohammed was not a messiah, he was a prophet. He recognized the existence of other religions. And he wasn't killed. There is no deicide for which the Jews could be blamed." The cross was an icon which served as a constant reminder to the Christian masses that Jesus had been crucified, but there was no similar icon in Islam that could serve as an incitement against Jews.

Another factor in the relative acceptance of the Jews was that they were not the only religious minority around as they were in Europe. Christiana shared their stams with them, which made them less of the "other."

While Jews in Europe were relative newcomers, easily distinguishable, Jews in Islamic lands were indigenous. For the most part, they looked exactly like the Arabs," saya Cohen. They also shared, to a large extent, their cultural milieu. There were largely Jewish neighborhoods but no exclusively Jewish

Are there lessons that Israelis and Arabs can learn today from that not-bad-at-all experience in coexistence?

In the Christian countries, Jews could not own land, they lived in ghettos and occupied very confined niches in the economy, spurned by Christians. They were not indigenous and stood out physically, culturally and as newcomers. Above all, to the Christians the Jews were the despised killers of Christ.

On the face of it, the situation of the Jews in Islam didn't seem all that rosy, either. It was a tenet of Islamic faith that · Jews and Christians were less worthy than Moslems and subject to restrictions manional and nearly egalitatian venue, such structures are found in towns built.

Every member of these minorities item botes Cohen. Islamic law permitted after the rise of Islam, clearly in viola-

Medieval documents found a century ago in the Cairo Geniza indicate that Jews and Arabs often lived next to each other amicably during that period. The Geniza also shows that far from being confined to a few occupations sbunned by the majority population, such as moneylending, the Jews in Moslem lands practiced bundreds of occupations and were apparently not subject to any occupational restrictions.

The marketplace was an interdenomi-



Medieval documents found a century ago in the Cairo Geniza indicate that Jews and Arabs often lived next to each other amicably during that period. Solomon Schecter works on Geniza fragments at the Cambridge University

business parmerships with non-Moslems, as long as the Moslems had the dominant role. It was common for Jews and Moslems to go into business together. And we see from the Geniza that despite the law, the Jews were often elearly the controlling partner."

Jewish and Arab partners, we see from letters found in the Geniza, trusted each other and were personal friends. Jewish doctors and Jews serving in the upper ranks of the government bureaucracy mingled as colleagues with Moslem

Doctors like Maimonides, for instance, took turns with Moslem doctors on the duty roster at bospitals and exchanged medical knowledge and, presumably, gossip. "Everybody knew who was superior, religiously and legally," says Cohen. "The Moslems were. The Jews didn't think so, but they knew the Moslems thought so. Personal friendship was frowned upon in Arab law because the Arab is supposed to be on top. In spite of this, there was a significant amount of mutuality."

Although Islam forbade the construction of new synagogues and churches, non of that edict. Likewise with the ban on repairs to Jewish and Christian bouses of worship - the synagogue in which the Cairo Geniza was found had itself been extensively restored more than

Jews were forbidden by Islamic law to teach their children the Koran, but copies of a Koran written in Hebrew letters were found in the Geniza synagogue storeroom. Why would Jews have wanted to study the Koran?

"They were interested in Islam," says Cohen. "It wasn't a matter of knowing your enemy but knowing your neighbor. Islam is very close to Judaism, much more so than Christianity, and the Jews felt this." Many Jews were in fact drawn to Sufism, a form of Islamie mystieism. Among them was the son of Maimonides, Abraham, who inherited his father's place as head of the Jewish community. Abraham maintained that some Sufis were worthier disciples of the Jewish prophets than were many of his fellow Jews. Some of his congregation, disturbed at reforms Abraham introduced in synagogue practice, appealed to the sultan against these innovations, another instance of symbiotic.

Jews felt comfortable in Islamic religious courts to which civil cases were brought. "They were treated with equality there," says Cohen. "There is no evidence in the documents that they were disadvantaged.
"The rabbis came to terms with rulings

in the Islamic courts even though it is forbidden in Halacha for Jews to go to the courts of the goyim, and they accepted legal documents executed in those courts as valid. Maimonides's responsa refer frequently to the interplay of Islamic and The poll tax was indeed onerous, par-

ricularly on the poor. But, notes Cohen, it constituted a precious insurance policy. "If you paid your tax, your personal and property rights and your freedom of religion were protected. Islam was not ambiguous or arbitrary about this. That's the reason Jews were so anxious to pay it and get their receipt." Differing modern assessments of this

period - golden age or golden myth - are colored by the polities and weltanschauung of the viewer. In the 19th century, European Jewish scholars conecived of it, says Cohen, "as a kind of interfaith utopia" and used it as an argument against the Christian societies in which they lived - "Why can't you treat us as well as the Moslems did then?"

In our own time, says the Princeton scholar, this view has been taken up by the Arabs for their own purposes - as an argument against Zionism.

The Arabs adopted the myth of an interfaith utopia and said that if there is a problem today is is because of Zionism.

"Do away with Zionism, with the state of Israel, and let's return to the halcyon days of the golden age." In recent decades, a countermyth has been promulgated by some Jewish writers who portray Islam as a persecutory religion

from its beginning.

Today the historical issue of Moslem-Jewish relations has political force." notes Cohen. "If you believe that relations have always been terrible there is no reason to trust any Arab today. The right wing favors this interpretation because it supports their political posi-

However, the findings from the Cairo Geniza published in recent decades refute such a view, says Cohen. "Islam is not innately tolerant of other religions any more than Judaism and Christianity are," he says.
"But there are theological reasons why

Islam's attitude towards Judaism is different than Christianity's. There were also historical circumstances which mitigated this intolerance of Islam."

It is important to be aware today of Jewish-Moslem relations in the Middle Ages, says Cohen, because many people tend to equate Islam with Hamas. However, it is important as well to understand that the political-social situation in the Middle Ages was not comparable to today's. The image of a golden age bas little relevance at the negotiating

When peace is made here - and I believe there will eventually be a Palestinian state - it will have to be on the basis of modern realpolitik and in light of conflicting nationalisms, not on the basis of medieval history," says Cohen.

"Peace will be achieved when the Moslems come to terms with the fact that they are not going to return to the medieval situation in which they ruled in Palestine and when the Jews recognize that they are going to have to grant selfdetermination to the Arabs, who have a "Once the parties are at the point

where they not only begrudge each other's existence but actually learn to live together in political and economic aymbiosis, then I believe they can fall back on the memory of the past and feel that there is something intrinsic in Moslem-Jewish relations that can give encouragement to a new kind of relationship.

From Coben's mouth to God's ear.

'Peace Flight' Catholics believe in the power of prayer

Hundreds of Roman Catholic pilgrims arrived in the Holy Land this month to pray for peace. But as Judith Sudilovsky reports, not everyone understood their message

ome people are not content to sit back and watch as world leaders attempt to make peace. These people not only feel the need but also the ability to be involved in that struggle on a personal level. And while the international group of 830 Catholics who arrived in Israel thia month know that they may not have a direct effect on the conflict here, they believe that with their prayers for peace they are acting as a symbol and a Lisbon. sign for peace. God, they say, works in mysterious ways.

"People believe they can't change the world, that what they do will have no effect, but that is not true," said Alan Ames, an author and healer from Perth, Australia, who has taken part in the two previous "Two-Hearts Peace Flights" to Russia and

China several years ago.

"If people think that way and ido nothing, nothing will change.
But if each individual decides to stand up to be counted for peace and love, things will change."

The pilgrims, who hall from 14 different countries, arrived in Israel as part of a 20-day aroundthe-world peace flight which had already taken them to Japan, the Philippines and Russia where they also prayed for God'a intervention in bringing peace to the world. From here they were scheduled to go on to Italy, France, Portugal and finally New

Father "Bing" Edgardo Avel-lano of the Philippines, who has been the spiritual leader of all three Peace Flights, says the participants have come in the spirit of prayer and reparation, offering their own small personal sacrifices in atonement for the sins of

the world. ... They are not attempting to change anyone, Avellano said, they just want to be an example of how it is possible to love one another regardless of race, religion and national backgrounds. Of course, added Archbishop

Pedro R. Dean of the Archdiocese of Palo, Philippines, they do not expect immediate results from their

prayers. They are simply "planting the seed" and making their best

efforts through prayer and sacrifice to achieve peace "through Him, of course," Dean said. the Christian presence in Bethlebem. "For the last 10 years, with all the problems here fice to achieve peace "through Him, of course," Dean said. In addition to their prayers the

Peace Pilgrims brought with them the traveling statue of the Virgin Mary of Our Lady of Fatima, which was blessed by Pope Pius XII in 1947. According to believers, the statue has wept 30 times since the first sighting of the Virgin Mary ders, as she pointed to the statue 80 years ago in Fatima, north of Our Lady of Fatima. Her son

She is said to have appeared six times in 1917 to three peasant children. Her main message at the time was devotion to Mary, daily recitation of the rosary, the conversion of Russia to ber message of prayer and peace, and the triumph of her peaceful message world-wide.

The Two-Hearts Peace Flights of Catholic pilgrims was the brainchild of Dr. Rosalie A. Turton, president of Foundation 101, an organization based in New Jersey which is dedicated to

devotion to Mary. "The peace flight is open only to people who are sincere devotees of Our Lady," said Turton. "We come to bring peace. People on the flight are willing to abandon themselves to whatever God

wants of us." In Nazareth the group was welcomed by Mayor Ramez Jerasi who praised their efforts and spoke of reconciliation between Arabs and Jews.

On Friday, the pilgrims led a peace procession with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima through the streets of Bethlehem that were filled with thousands of people. The procession ended at the Church of the Nativity with a Mass celebrated by the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem Michel

Palestinian Olga Local Hasfnra, 72, genuflected several times in front of the statue and clasped her hands in prayer. "We think this virgin came bere to make peace in Bethlehem and for all people all over the world," she declared.

For local businessman Nicolas Canawati, who sponsored the procession, the event not only had a spiritual significance but also was a concrete expression of are ready for compromise."

and in the world, we haven't seen any Christian celebrations other than Christmas. During the intifada we could not do this and people were missing it."

Standing in the throng, Owataf Handal, 32, boisted her youngest children one by one to ber shoul-Antoine, four, clasped in his hands a statue of the Virgin Mary and beld it up towards the statue of Fatima.

Ironically, the man who organized the whole procession in Bethlebem was Shalom Even, an Israeli Jew who runs a tour company out of Toronto and who was responsible for the groups' iunerary while in Israel.

The group's message of peace and cooperation seemed to bave been lost on Mohammed Jabari, Governor of Bethlehem for the Palestinian Authority, who in welcoming the pilgrims made no mention of the cooperative spirit which allowed the event to take place. He chose, instead, to criti-

"All people pray to save this Holy Land and to achieve the real peace which Israel aims to destroy and [aims to] bring the area back to bloodshed and violence," said Jabari. For their part, the pilgrims

seemed confused. "We are here for both sides. The idea of peace is for both sides," said Jacklyn Gally, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. "The political part, that doesn't come



Catholics march for peace in Bethlehem carrying a statue of the Virgin Mary of Our Lady of

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The decision to go back to the court, he said, came because the Conservative and Reform movements felt they had come to an impasse, with no one to talk to in the religious establishment.

Bandel revealed that be had consulted with MK Yossi Sarid, who as head of Meretz, was a co-petitioner in a petition to the court to seat Meretznominated Reform and Conservative representatives on the religious councils. "Sarid encouraged us to delay the court action," Bandel said.

Bandel said the decision followed what was considered a weak response to a demand for rabbinical authorities to agree to sit and talk with Reform and Conservative leaders.

He said that Rabbi David Grossman of Migdal Ha'emek and Haifa Chief Rabbi She'ar-Yashuv Cohen, both members Council, "said that we are Jews."

"We thank them for lhat, but

we didn't hear that they are

ready to talk to us or that they

Bandel said. Marilyn Henry adds from New York:

The American Reform movement was not surprised by the attitude of the Chief Rabbinate. But "we expect to be treated with some respect by the government of Israel," said Rabbi Eric Yoffie, head of the Reform movement in the US.

"We are a movement of a million and a half people. We bave been enormously patient for four months. We were absolutely unprepared to countenance further delays without something conerete in our hands, and no one came elose to providing that." Yoffie said vesterday.

He said he was saddened that the Neeman Committee had not worked. But he also was angry that the Reform movement bad been "insulted," then "patronized" when it was told to be grateful for "the merest kind of crumbs," such as the willingness of the Onhodox to sit in the same room with the of the Chief Rabbinical Reform and Conservative leadership.

"There was one insult too many along the way," Yoffie Batsheva Tsur contributed to

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The current Israeli stand, as outlined to him in considerable detail especially in his overtete-a-tete with Netanyahu, evidently con-vinced him that there may be a sound basis to renew the negotiations which were broken off 19 months ago.

The possibility that the diplomatic iee may be broken by a Russian rather than an American emissary (seere-

Christopher and Madeleine Albright were unable to accomplish this goal) did not deter the Israeli side.

"Israel wants to renew the talks and by whose means is not important," said Netanyahu's director of communications, David Bar-Illan. Levy revealed Primakov's

change of plans after conferring with visiting Finnish Foreign Minister Tarja Kaarina

Foreign Ministry Spokesman Aviv Shir-On agreed with

taries of state Warren Primakov's contention that Syria is an important factor in the

The Russian diplomatic initia-

peace-making equation.

tive was seen as a new vindication of Moscow's status as a cosponsor of the 1991 Madrid Conference,

Among the points stressed by Primakov while in Jerusalem was that there can be no regional peace without Syria being a party to it, "especially without

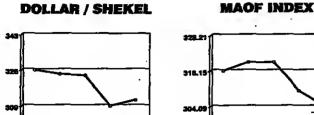
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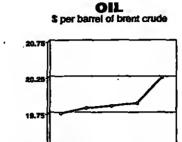
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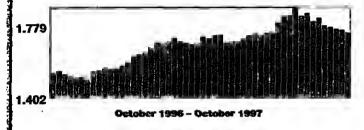
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Philip Morris Europe head to stand trial for tax fraud in Italy

By ALESSANDRA GALLONI

ROME - An Italian judge said yesterday he had ordered the president of US tobacco giant Philip Morris' European branch, Walter Thoma, to stand trial for tax fraud but had dropped charges of criminal association.

Raffacle Marino, an examining judge in Naples, said that 10 managers and officials of Italian company Intertaba, a Philip Morris affiliate, had also been indicted on tax

fraud charges. Marino said Thoma and the 10 Intertaba officials were accused of avoiding payment on taxes of more than nine trillion lire (\$5.2 billion) of revenue between 1987 and

"They are accused of fiscal fraud for some nine trillion lire," he said. Marino said that the more serious charges of criminal conspiracy against Thoma and the 10 Intertaba employees had been dropped. The trial, which will take place in

Naples, was set for January 5, 1998. No one was immediately available for comment at Philip Morris in

Italy or at Intertaba. Philip Morris, which makes the Marlboro brand, controls about 50 percent of the Italian cigarette market with sales of some 10 trillion

The bulk of its cigarettes sold in Italy are made under license by the ic tobacco department Monopoli. which forms part of the Finance Ministry.

Prosecutors, who first made their charges last year, allege that Philip Morris used Intertaba as a front company to take care of its Italian interests to avoid full taxation on royalties it received from Monopoli.

Under Italian law, a foreign company which directly controls an Italian affiliate is hable to pay tax in

Philip Morris in January denied the charges before an Italian parliamentary committee and said it had paid all the royalties - some in the US and others in Switzerland, where Philip Morris has its European headquarters.

The idea that Philip Morris was involved in tax evasion is groundless," the firm said in a written doc-ument it submitted to the lower house of parliament's finance com-

But company executives also complained at the time they had to pay twice as much tax in Italy as in other European countries with similar fiscal systems, such as Portugal, Spain, and Greece. (Reuters)

Eisenbergs bring compromise to court

Globes News Service

Seven months after the death of billionaire Shoul Eisenberg, bis heirs have reached a compromise

The estate is to be shared among all family members, as follows: Erwin Eisenberg is to receive 55 percent of the estate: Shoul's wife, Leah Eisenberg, will receive 45%, from which daughter Emily Furman will receive 5%. This will be after a deduction of \$20 million, which will be divided between Yigal Dimant, general manager of Israel Chemicals, who was married

daughter Esther Zuchovitzky, if she decides to join the agreement.

Daughter Edith Rosenfeld will receive 5%, to be deducted propordonately from the shares taken by Erwin and Leah Eisenberg. Daughter Liz Hardy is being offered 5% on the same terms.

The proposal calls for each of the daughters to receive 2.75% of the estate out of Erwin's share, and another 2.25% out of Leah's share. Erwin will waive his claim to the shares of the Panamanian companies that hold control of the Israel Corporation. Erwin previously

shares as a gift from his father. Upon waiving this claim, the shares belong to the estate, and will be subject to distribution among all those joining the agree-

Erwin will continue to retain management of the group's companies. As regards voting rights in the companies, the parties to the agreement recognize the majority held by Erwin.

The principles of the agreement were presented yesterday to Tel District Court Deputy President Jesse Levitt.

At this stage, it is not clear whether Hardy and Zuchovitzky, who have not joined the agreement, will elect to conduct a court battle, or will ulomately join.
Hardy's counsel Yossi Segev and

Efi Perry, said in court that, in their opinion, au alternative exists whereby Hardy can obtain a larger share. However, the two will announce their position in court, once a detailed list of the estate's assets is obtained from the administrators of the estate, by the end of

the week. Tuvia Erlich, who represented Erwin, said that "the great majority of heirs has realized that peace in the family is the way to go." Ya'acov Weinrot, who is representing Leah Eisenberg and Emily

Furman, said the agreement is consistent with the spirit of Shoul Eisenberg's wishes, namely that his son should continue to manage his business.

"The only point on which we bave not complied with the deceased's wishes is in relation to his daughter Esther Zuchovitzky. to whom he intended to make no bequest," Weinrot said.

The next hearing in the case will take place on Sunday.

Bank of Israel leaves interest rate unchanged

By JEHNRFER FRIEDLIN

The Bank of Israel yesterday announced that it will leave the key lending rate unchanged at 13.4 percent for the month of

Despite a negative September consumer price index, which was announced on October 15, and analysts' expectations that the rate would be lowered, the central bank said it decided to maintain the current rate in an effort to drive inflation down. When you set monetary policy.

you have to look a couple of month's ahead" said bank spokesman Gabi Fishman. "We are now looking ahead to next

Fishman said that the formula for next year's inflation target is this year's rate minus an undisclosed sum. The target for 1998 has been set

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at 7% -10% like this year, but it needs to be lower than this year's figure by a certain amount,"

Inflation is currently running at 6.4%, indicating an annual rate of 9% for 1997.

The Bank of Israel previously stated its intention to achieve an inflation rate of 4.5% by 2001. Its long-term goal is "price stability," or a rate of 2%-3%, which is comparable with inflation rates in Western Europe and the US-Fishman said....

Analysts said the bank decided oot to lower the key lending rate in order to avoid conveying a yo-yo interest rate policy.

"In the last few months there's beeo lots of volatility, up and down, up and down," said Eli Nahum, head of trading at Zannex

"They don't want to appear that one month they are raising the rate and then the next month they are

lowering it," he said.

Nahum said that unless there is a surprisingly high coosmmer price index next month, the bank should definitely lower the interest rates.

After cutting interest rates by 1.2% in June, the Bank of Israel raised the rate by 0.7% to 13.4% in August.

The rate has remained unchanged since.

Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange sbortly after yesterday's operning bell. Intel to buy Digital's chip business

By GERARD MEUCHNER and Jerusalem Post Staff

SANTA CLARA, California -Intel Corp. said it will buy Digital Equipment Corp.'s chip making operations for \$700 millioo and produce its Alpha chip to end a patent dispute in which Digital accused Intel of stealing technolo-

Intel also said it will enter a 10year cross-licensing agreement with Digital and obtain the rights to make other semiconductor products from Digital, which will develop future generations of the

The companies didn't give further financial details. Both companies stand to benefit, one financially, and the other

Digital's profit is bound to rise because it no longer will bear the

By JENKIFER FRIEDLIN

yesterday approved a request by the Government Companies

Authority to sell Afridar and the

Weed Control Co. to private

investors, the Prime Minister's

The valuations of the companies

office said.

The Knesset Finance Committee

with its own suit. cost of running its unprofitable

Digital's Jerusalem plant won't face cuts

semiconductor business, analysts could benefit Intel as the Federal and investors said, while gaining a larger market for its chip. Intel wins because its puts to rest a reviewing its husiness practices,

Digital resorted to the courts to achieve what it did oot achieve in the market," said John Rutledge, an analyst at Boston's Loomis, Sayles & Co. "It's a pretty good financial win for DigitOal." Digital sued Intel in May, alleg-

ing that the world's largest chipmaker used Digital's technology in creating its best-selling Pentium chips. Intel, whose microprocessors power 85 percent of the world's PCs, returned fire

Settling the suit by ensuring the survival of Digital's Alpha chip

will be announced after

Government Companies Authority

director-general Tzipi Livini

selects buyer from among the bid-

According to the Government Companies' report released in

September, Afridar, an Ashkelon-

based property developer that employs 36 workers, earned net

Trade Commission pursues its inquiry, analysts said. Digital and Intel plan to ask the federal courts thorny legal problem at a time to suspend the lawsuits they filed wheo federal regulators are against each other, an actioo required to complete the agree-

to Digital's modern chip-fabrication facility in Hudson, Massachusens, where it makes the Alpha chip and other microproces-

"Intel is able to settle this whole thing very gracefully by simply acquiring fab capacity," said Gary Helmig, an analyst at SoundView Financial Group.

The settlement would be a boon to Maynard, Massachusetts-based Digital, whose inability to sell more Alpha microprocessors bas hampered its financial recovery,

profits of NIS 2.07m, in 1996 and

The Weed Control Co.'s 1996

net earnings totaled NIS 55,000

and revenues amounted to NIS

23m. The company bas 65

dends following the sale.

The buyers will be obliged by

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registered sales of NIS 18.8m.

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Licensing of Alpha by Intel val-

Intel will also acquire Digital's

idates the chip in a way that

Digital never could, they said.

Massachusetts, and development plants in Austin, Texas, and An Intel spokesman said Digital's Jerusalem plant, which

employs 90 to 100 people, will oot face cuts. "We don't intend to cut Digital's

workforce; we intend to integrate them," the spokesperson said. Digital shares fell 5/8 to 49 15/16 in early trading, while Intel's stock fell 1 9/16 to 78 7/16.

Helmig, who has a "hold" rating on Digital's stock, said the \$700 million price may disappoint those who expected a total value of as much as double that amount.

(Bloomberg Business News)

Bank Leumi and Israel Discount

The government also intends to

issue shares for major companies,

including El Al, Israel Chemicals.

labor agreements.

Finance Committee okays sale of Afridar, Weed Control Co.

contract to comply with current Aviv Stock Exchange. Meanwhile, the first stage of Privatization is expected to yield the options plan was being preat least NIS 5 billion in revenue in pared for the privatization of

Government receipts from the sales in 1997 will reach a record NIS 9 billion. Half the sum was earned from the sale of Bank

WITH JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

TAAS-Israel Industries ends first half with \$22.9 million profit

By STEVE RODAN

TAAS-Israel Industries yester day reported a net profit of \$22.9 million for the first half of the year. Executives said this represents a dramade rebound from nearly a decade of losses.

During the same period last year, TAAS reported a loss of \$17.6m. The company now has



reported profits in four consecu-

In the last half of 1996, IMI recorded \$3.9m. in profits. The latest figures include an operating profit of \$14m., as compared to a loss of \$9.5m. during the same period in 1996.

An additional \$9m. in profit stemmed from a decrease in sever-ance pay of dismissed workers, whose benefits are linked to the cost-of-living index. The index decreased over the

Executives said that earnings on sales for the first half of 1997 was 5.6 percent compared to 2.1% last TAAS recorded sales of \$249m. from January to the end of June,

an increase of 23% over the same period in 1996, when sales were TASS sales to the local market increased by 22% and exports by

Executives forecast sales for 1997 at \$510m., similar to last

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Bits & Bytes

G-Connect receives \$3m investment from Genesis: Genesis Partners, a venture capital fund managed by Eddie Shalev Management and Oppenheimer & Co., has agreed to invest \$3m. in G-Connect, a subsidiary of Teledata, in exchange for a 16.67% stake. The investment is based on a \$15 million valuation of the Internet products company. The company has an opdon to invest an additional \$3m.

Geotek wins network contract in Argentina: Geotek Communications recently announced that its subsidiary Geotek Argentina won a contract to build a digital network in Argentina. The size of the contract was not announced. Geotek plans to provide network service initially in Buenos Aires, with future expansion planned for Cordoba, Mendoza, and Santa Fe/Rosario. Geotek provides mobile business networks, services, and digital wireless communications products around the world.

Investment Center issues high-tech grants: The Investment Center of the Ministry of Industry and Trade recently announced that it awarded several high-tech grants. Rad Communications received \$1.8m. for the expansion of its local factories which produce communications equipment; software developer Mercury Interactive received \$2m.; Orbot, a developer of automated machinery used in the production of semi-conductors, received \$660,000 for the expan-

sion of its factory; and Nice Systems, a maker of digital communications systems and services, received \$440,000.

Magic chosen by Ciba Grimsby: Magic Software Enterprises won a contract to become the standard development platform for Ciba Grimsby, part of the Ciba Geigy Group. Ciba will use Magic to develop business applications over several years, along with some minor applications and the re-engineering of existing systems. Ciba Grimsby, of England, is a subsidiary of Ciba Geigy, a world-wide biological and chemical group which manufactures medicines, crop protection, plastics, and

Security-7 Software announces worldwide marketing: Security-7 Software recently announced that it will be marketing its SafeGate Enterprise Network Security Systems worldwide. SafeGate provides highperformance, real-one protection from Java applets, dangerous intrusions that can barm companies' computer networks. SafeGate has been implemented and tested in recent weeks in several major companies, including Fujitsu America and Edify.

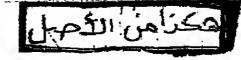
Team Computers wins NIS 4.3m. con-tract; Team Computers recently announced that it won a NIS 4.3m. contract to install a computer system for the Ministry of Labor

and Social Affairs. Team will create, build, install, and maintain the mobile information system, which will be designed to allow minstry officials to supervise and check factories using mobile computing units.

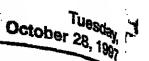
Tecnomatix receives \$1m. order from Fiat Group: Tecnomatix Technologies Ltd. recently announced that it has received repeat orders from the Fiat Group of Italy totaling approximately \$1 million. The orders include variety of software applications used for a variety of software applications used automotive spot-welding and other automated tasks. Tecnomatix develops computer-aided production engineering (CAPE) software products used by production engineers to create virtual machines and production equipment models.

Trade Systems provides marketing guide: Israeli businesspeople can tune into hup:www.salesguides.com, an Internet site designed to provide a how-to guide to going

Created by Trade Systems, Inc., a US-based marketing organization, the site provides detailed customer-by-customer instructions on how companies of all sizes can sell to more than 225 major corporations, governmeni entities, and other organizations around the world. Trade Systems updates the site regularly to add new sales prospects for Web



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Education, within the framework of a week-long series of events. The purpose of the conference is to demonstrate opportunities for long-distance education and to establish the center and high-tech companies.

for Tourism Moshe Katsav will be the guest of honor at a conference on tourism to mark the opening of a course on tourism and franchising at Tel Aviv University's Management Faculty. Also participating will be John Russell, president of the tourism division of Hospitality Franchising Services, which controls internationally known hospitality chains such as Days Inn and Ramada. The confer-

3.11 Oracle and Compaq are holding a study day at

MOTORING

A hot little number

The Peugeot 406 delivers sheer driving perfection if not a lengthy accessory list

By JOEL GORDIN

the French company Peugeot insists on calling is models by numbers rather than names. I don't think I'n the only curmudgeon who thinks that it's nicer to own an automobile with a name rather than a number.

However, there is a certain amount of logic in the "numbers game." It's clear that the 406 is larger than the 306 but smaller than the 605. The 306, which costs around NIS 80,000, competes in the familyclass market segment, the 406 in the executive-class segment and the 605 in the super-hixury segment (the latter car recently won an important IDF tender and is now the official

automobile for IDF generals).
Actually, Pengeot was without a competitor in the executive-class segment for a long/time. Although the 406 was launched about three years ago, Peugeot Jeclined to bring it to Israel because it was not available with a two-lier engine driven by automatic shift – the essential combination in Israel for executive class (in European countries, such arrautomobile would be defined as a "large family car" while in the US it would be a "small car").

However, the 406 proved worth the wait. I can think of no other automobile in the segment melnding the Honda Accord, the Mitsubishi Galant, the Mazda 626 and the Toyota Carina - that comes close to the driving perfec-

tion of the 400.

Let's start at the beginning. The 406 is vide (1.764 m.) and long (4.555 m.). It is sleek and elegant rather than beautiful; classy more

than trendy. The interior is roomy. Five large adults can be seated in comfort, and the 430-liter trunk is

large enough to hold their luggage. On the other hand, the two front seats are too soft for my liking. The driver can adjust the height of the chair, but a short front-seat passenger must stretch to see through the windshield. The arrangement of the controls is ergonomic and attractive and the dash is inlaid with imitation wood veneer. The zig-zag gate of the antomatic shift is eye-catching and works smoothly.

But the accessory list is thin. Forget about luxuries like cruise control, factory-supplied radio or sunroof. There isn't even a rear windshield wiper or a demister for the front windshield. I happened to use the car on a rainy night and to demist the windshield I was forced to blast icy cold air from the air conditioner. I drove the cheaper "SV" version,

whose luxury items include power windows, electrically controlled side mirrors, central locking and an immobilizer ignition switch. If you pay about NIS 10,000 more for the ST" version, you'll be rewarded with a fancier air conditioner, more "plastic wood" on the inside, a high-tech (front) windshield winer. a thermometer that gives the air temperature outside the car, more side pockets and an inside courtesy light that extinguishes itself gradually after the headlamps have been switched off. Still no cruise control, electrically operated driving seat or rear windshield wiper. A sunroof

will cost NIS 6,000 extra. However, all these gripes about accessories are forgiven when you hit the road. The 406's road-bolding, suspension and balance are faultless. When choosing this car you don't need to compromise safety for pleasure. Even a novice driver can take this automobile at speed through the tightest bend without fear - safety-wise, that's worth more than a dozen airbags (for the record, there are two front airbags and an ABS braking system). The engine does not give sheer

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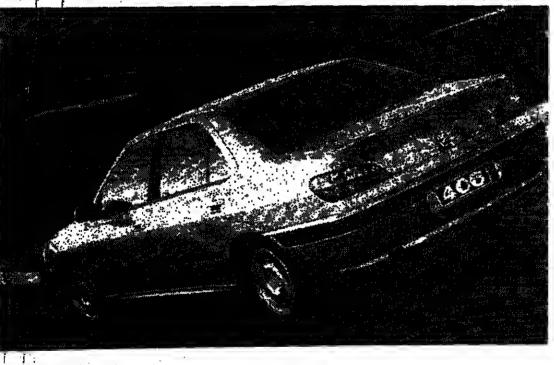
power - for that you must pay around NIS 180,000 for the 135 horsepower coupe or NIS 220,000 for the V8 3-liter with 194 horses. However, the 406's high torque rating gives a more-than-satisfactory zip for overtaking at most reasonable, intermediate speeds. At between 90 km./h., and 100 km./h., the rev counter shows around 2,500 r.p.m., at which speed the engine noise is nonexistent. The high-tecb, automatic shift, with its separate programs for "sport" or "economic" driving, is perfectly set for the engine. The 406 is, simply, a joy to drive without being overpowering.

PEUGEOT 406 ENGINE: 1,998cc HORSEPOWER: 135 at 5,500

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→ THE CONFERENCE CIRCUIT ◆ ====

BY GREER FAY CASHMAN

28.10 A Conference for alists is being held at the Holon Center for Technological

30.10 Deputy Prime

Minister and Minister ence will focus on Tourism Toward the Year 2000.

the Holiday Inn, Herzliya, for Companies That Have Opted for Windows-NT. Data-system managers and managers of PC teams will be presented with smart solutions for their business needs.

4.11 Spin-offs as Boosters Enhancing Compaguidelines for cooperation between my Worth will be discussed at a study evening at the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv. Sponsored by the Israel Management Center, the debate will examine the effectiveness of spin-offs along with the economic and legal considerations involved. Participants will also become acquainted with existing spin-off ventures.

> 12.11 Everything About Appropriations and Compensations in Real Estate is the provoking title of a study day organized at the Efal Seminar, Ramat Efal, by the Center for Real Estate Management and Initiatives. Speakers will include representatives of various branches of realestate evaluation and development plus legal expens from the Union

of Local Authorities and the State Attorney's office.

27.11 Prime Minister Minister Netanyahu, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman, Governor of the Bank of Israel Ya'acov Frenkel, Labor Party Chairman Ehud Barak plus leading academics, business people and Knesset members will be among the guests attending the Annual Conference of the Israel Management Center at the Dan Panorama Hotel, Tel Aviv. The conference will address the question of how to take the next economic step.

3.12 Senior executive offigroup of companies will participate in the First International Summit Conference on Internet Is Good for Busioess at Gan Oranim in Tel Aviv. The conference will investigate, from both local and global perspectives, ways in which businesses of all kinds are being influenced by Internet developments.

The milk makeover

US consumption is falling as kids reach for hipper drinks like cola and juice, but marketers are determined to make milk cool

By TIM COULTER

CHICAGO - Five-year-old Mark Coyne of Naperville, Illinois, is living proof that the \$19 billion milk industry is losing ground in the nation's grocery stores. Mark prefers juice to milk because "I like the way it tastes."

His mom, Jeanne Coyne, still buys milk, though her four kids prefer other drinks. "If they drank what they wanted, they would have juice, Squeezits and Kool-Aid," she said.

The milk industry has an image problem, especially with its primary consumers: kids. They think Coca-Cola - arguably the best-known brand in the world - is hip. Paperboard milk cartons, with two-color graphics and photos of lost peers, are not.

"We are trying to make milk cool, dress up its image," said Tom Hinkes, vice president of milk marketiog at Dairy Management Inc. (DMI), a producer-funded group. For children, "milk is a Volvo. It's very safe. There's nothing wrong with it, but it's boxy. Coke is a sports car," he said.

For the nation's dairy farmers, it's more than a marketing problem. Milk's shrinking sbare of the beverage market and the high cost of feeding herds have put the squeeze on less-efficient producers. Rising cheese demand helps, though farmers don't get as much for milk used in processing as they do for fluid milk, "The cost and investment is so great that it's putting everybody out of business," complained Howard Voegeli, owner of Voegeli Farm Inc. in Monticello, Wisconsin.

While no one argues that milk production will dry up, it's becoming a lot less profitable for some farmers because not eoough people drink it. That's left prices stable for years, eveo though milk is a staple in many school lunch rooms and consumption of breakfast cereals remains strong. On average. Americans last year drank 24.3 gallons of milk, down 18 percent from 29.5 gallons in 1975, according to the US

Department of Agriculture, Meanwhile, juice consumption jumped 32% to 8.7 gallons each from 6.6 gallons, and soda demand almost doubled to 51.9 gallons from 28.2 gallons. Some of the shift can be attrib-

uted to the aging of America, because people drink milk most often when they're young. Changes in the ethnicity of the spots," said Jim Miller, dairy ana- vored milk industry," said Bill of milk."



to win back the hearts of milk's core customers: children.

nanon also drag dowo milk con-sumptioo. African-Americans drink less milk than whites, according to the USDA. Eating out further erodes milk demand. Still, milk is losing its core customers: childreo, and not just because fewer are being born. A recent milk-industry study found that soda accounts for 20% of the beverages consumed by children between the ages of one and five.

Recognizing that fact, DMI start-ed the "Got Milk" campaign to exploit the product's association with certain foods, such as chocolate-chip cookies. The National Fluid Milk Processor Education Program's ubiquitous "milk mustache" ads seek to reinforce the drink's nutritional value with young mothers and 20-something buyers. Israel bas followed suit with local celebrities such as Gidi Gov and Yael Ben-Zohar sporting milk

mustaches in print advertisements. Changing long-held perceptions will be difficult. As long as milk and dairy products are considered an important food group, consumers are more likely to see it as something that's good for them rather than something they want to drink when thirsty, some analysts say, "You can't change a leopard's "There is a lot of potential in the fla-

lyst for the USDA. "To promote milk as a beverage when consumers for decades have not perceived it as such doesn't seem to me to be an effective expense of promononal money."

That doesn't stop them from try-

ing. Industry experts consider the most aggressive marketer to be Dean Foods Co., which is rolling out its "Milk Chug" in half-pint, pint and quart plastic bottles. Others bave replaced bland labels on milk cartons with flashy fourcolor graphics. Skim milk is now being sold as "fat free" in some markets. Others are creating new products, the most visible being cbocolate, vanilla, strawberry and orange flavored milks.

Milk Marketing Inc., a dairy cooperative, last year began selling the "Moo Kooler." Smooth Moos Pepsi-Cola Co., a unit of PepsiCo. Inc., is testing "Smooth Moos" in Wichita, Kansas, It could become more serious about the product after Philip Marineau, who invigorated milk marketing at Dean Foods, in December. becomes president and chief executive of Pepsi North America.

Hershey Foods Corp. and others are also trying their own variations.

McCabe, director of marketing at Smith Dairy Products Co. in Orrville, Ohio, a distributor of the Moo Kooler, Milk vending machines are being developed, while carbonated milk - in the form of the old-fashioned "egg cream" is available in some markets.

Juice, water and soda have taken market share from milk that will be bard to recover, so just slowing the decline in consumption might be considered a victory.

You could spend a billion dollars in advertising, and you are not going to reverse the trend," said Harry Kaiser, associate professor of agricultural economics at Comell University in Ithaca, New York. "My sense is that success would be keeping market share where it is."
It's not all bad news. In 1996,

there were 3.90 million babies born, according to the National Center for Health Statistics, little changed from 1995 and ending the steady decline from 1990. The peak for US births was 4.3 million in 1957. "It's a wonderful opportunity," said Rackel Kyllo, vice president of marketing at Marigold Foods Inc., a unit of Royal BolsWessanen NV, which sells milk in much of the upper Midwest. "The industry owes it to itself to change the perception (Bloomberg)

What's in the cards for Palphot

A 60-year-old giant in the local greeting-card market strives to stay on top amid stiff competition from home and abroad

By RACHEL NEIMAN

Their name is on the back of almost every Israeli postcard. For most of its 60-year existence, Palphot had almost no competition. Over the years, small companies have nibbled away at certain Palphot niches -Turnowsky, for instance, made a big splash in the 1980s with highquality, gold-embossed Judaica motifs - but in the end, it always swung back with its own offerines. And what the products lacked in quality, they made up for

in low prices. But the scenario is changing. Relaxed import restrictions mean Palphot is already facing suffer competition from foreign companies. Other Israeli manufacturers like Dora and Chanan Mazal, as well as Tumowsky, are also making in-roads. And No. 1 US card company, Hallmark, which recently licensed Israeli representative Confeni to produce its cards in Hebrew, is the latest player. Confetti has been the exclusive Hallmark importer to Israel since 1982, but the license to market in Hebrew is something new.

"Throughout the years I kept telling Hallmark's London office we have to translate into Hebrew," says Confetti owner David Hostyk, "But we were part of a company-wide problem of how to deal with small markets. At that time, they were only interested in producing foreign-language cards to large markets [at least 80 million to 100 million units per year]." The high cost of production meant small countries like in the postcard business, catering to in humor or texts, but in artistic expression.

Israel, and low income countries, the Israeli tourist market. Palphot such as Russia and Ukraine, didn't come under consideratioo.

Hallmark developed a licensing program for these emerging markets. The company is now digitizing its archives and catalogs so that its 25 foreign licensees, including China, Croatia, Slovakia, Ukraine, Russia

and Israel, can get the same digital artwork, add in their own content, decide on a price and send it back to headquarters for approval - all on-line. We use the exact artwork from the Hallmark style book, but once

we find the picture we want, we either translate or give relevant content. Of course, there are guidelines, but content is our responsi-bility," Hostyk explains. For example, Confetti will be producing Snoopy army cards with IDF-oriented greetings - in Hebrew. One common reaction among

Israeli youth seeing Ziggy or Peanus in Hebrew for the first time is: "I'm used to these things in English." Is Hebrew content important? Hostyk says yes. "While English is understood, its expression.

But while Hallmark may be No. 1 in the US, here Palphot is the industry leader. Founded in 1934 as the Palestine Photo company, Palphot, like its US counterparts, has its roots

expanded from postcards to books about the Holy Land - which it con-But digital technology has tinues to publish in 15 changed all that. Three years ago, languages - to souvenirs, notably dried flower

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arrangemeots SMART SHOPPING inside and laminated bookmarks.

> Dorfzaun family, Palphot has a manufacturing and distribution facility that covers a 10,000 sq.m. area. The privately owned concern employs 250 people and has 5,000 local points of sale. Palphot distributes through a variety of channels, in the US and Europe, and bas a 30-year affilia-

tioo with publicly traded American Greetings, the US's No. 2 card maker. "If we look at the Paiphot collection today, there are things we oever dreamed we'd be investing in, idea and finance-wise," says Palphot marketing representative

Avi Giosburg. In addition to upgrading the quality and design of its cards, Palphot made a strategic decision 15 years ago to rely no further on sub-contractors, investing in its own wholly owned printing facility. At this time Palphot also began looking be introducing that sort of thing as not the language of communication, and greeting cards are about explains Ginsburg. "Today we participate in the major international exhibitions. We export caleodars and greeting cards, both Jewish and general, to 20 coun-

images with general appeal. In fact, Palphot is known in the general market for its flower cards and, though it no longer uses real dried flowers, has developed techniques which imitate the quality of dried flowers.

The company also keeps abreast of trends in both the geoeral and Jewish markets, both of which are undergoing dramatic changes. While Palpbot doesn't go as far as combining Christmas and Hanukka images, the compaoy is aware of the intermarriage trend in holiday cards and tries to be sensitive to that issue. Another significant trend: Symbols of Jewish nationalism are out with Diaspora Jews.

"Palphot is very deeply involved and perhaps unique in its connec-tion with the Jewish world," says Ginsburg. "Everything happening in the Jewish world gets expressed in cards, and cards are a very sensinve matter because the message comes from the heart." The 1990s marked the ascent of

"anyday" cards, designed to convey personal messages about feelings and relationships, hopes and disappointments.

"In the US now the trend is to use cards for social expression, beyond special occasions. We'll well," says Hostyk.

Palphot's Ginsburg sees "anyday" cards, like the greeting-card industry as a whole, as a North American cultural import to be slowly assimilated. After all, Israelis are still getting used to the Palphot, he says, specializes not idea of card-giving as a means of

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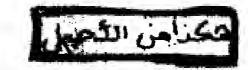
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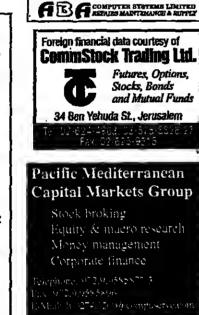
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Dow plunges over Asia crisis

Wall Street

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The Dow Jones industrial average suffered its biggest point drop in history yesterday, as worned investors rushed for the exit door, afraid that the Southeast Asian financial crisis may not be over.

Based on early and unofficial results, the Dow ended down 554.26 points, or 7.2 percent, at 7,161.15, beating the 508-point drop of the October 19, 1987 crash. The New York Stock Exchange halted trading under rules instituted following the '87

In the broader market, declining issues swamped advances 29-1 on very acove volume of 693 million shares on the NYSE.

The Nasdaq composite index slumped 115.43 points, or nearly 7 percent, to 1,535.49. (Reuters)

Tel Aviv

Israeli stocks dropped as investors expressed concern about continued declines in New York, particularly Israeli companies listed on Wall Street.

The Maof Index of 25 stocks Solid Financial Markets. lost 1.7 percent to 304.09. The Mishtanim Index dropped 1.71% to 294.7. The Tel Aviv Continuous Trading Index of 45 stocks slipped

1.9% to 101.19. Declining stocks included Israel's two biggest banks, Bank Hapoalim and Bank Leumi, off 0.5 to 8.32 shekels (\$2.35) and 1.75% to 5.59 respectively; holding company Koor Industries Ltd., off 1.5 percent to 389.72, Israel Chemicals Ltd., down 2.25% to 4.65, and Clai Electronic Industries Ltd., which shed 2% to 557.88.

Offsetting the drops were software house Formula Systems Ltd., op 3.7 percent to 111.9, and Israel Corp. Series 5, up 2.6% to

The continuation of declines stems from "a technical influence by arbitrage stocks in New York, said Yaron Pitaru, head of research at Ofek Securities. The losses on Wall Street influenced the mood in Tel Aviv, he added.

Drops on world markets create the impression that it is a snowball that began in Hong Kong, continued in Europe and Israel. and continues now in New York," said Ilan Doron, head of trading at

"Even with sharp declines, there were buyers in the market," Doron said. The activity stemmed from "positive economic indicators" on inflatioo and industrial output, he said.



Maof 304.09 ▼ 1.7% Dow Jones 7161 v 7.2% FTSE 4840.70 ▼ 2.61% Nikkei 17038.36 ▼ 1.87%

Europe

UK stocks tumbled for a fourth day, led by drogmakers SmithKline Beecham Plc and Glaxo Wellcome Plc, after U.S. stocks followed Asian shares

plunged 129.5 points, or 2.6%, to 4840.7. Only seven shares rose as 93 fell and two were unchanged.

"This is entirely an external-driven story," said Roger Monson, the chief equity strategist at Daiwa Europe in London. "Hong Kong and then the Dow sapped the ener-

gy out of London. The broader FT-SE 250 Index fell 69.1 points to 4767.6 while the FT-SE Actuaries 350 Index, a combination of the other two slid 57.2 points to 2353.2. Investors were also digesting a

statement from UK Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown, where he said there is no realistic prospect for the U.K. to make a decision to join a single European currency during the lifetime of this parliament, which must end by 2002, at the latest.

"Nobody expected EMU membership by 1999. I can't see anything he said which is new news," said Monson.

Brown refused to rule out altogether joining during the current parliament, and said he aims to begin now to prepare the economy for entry if the government decides to join at a later date. Should Britain join monetary union, inter-

The benchmark FT-SE 100 Index est rates are expected to fall, lowering borrowing costs and potentially boosting corporate profits.

Asia

The Hang Seng Index in Hong Kong dropped 646.14 points overnight, or 5.8% to 10498.2. extending last week's decline amid concern escalating interest rates will erode corporate profit. UK companies that make a significant portion of their profit in Asia led the declines.

"The impact for the UK is on individual stocks, like HSBC and Standard Chartered," said Mark Gardner, a fund adviser at Julius Baer Investments.

Japan's benchmark stock index fell to its lowest level in more than two years amid concern the turmoil in Hong Kong and other Asian markets could hurt profits of Japanese exporters and banks.

The beochmark Nikkei 225 stock average fell 325.38 points, or 1.87%, to 17,038.36 - its lowest level since Aug. 14, 1995. The Topix index of all shares on the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange fell 19.24 points, or 1.44%, to 1312.45.

Dollar falls amid concern over stock markets

The dollar fell against the mark amid concern that falling US stocks will lead investors to shun US assets generally.

When foreign investors sell US stocks they frequently convert the dollar proceeds into other

"The dollar fell over worries about the Dow," said Richard Koss, investment strategist at MFR Inc., a money management and consulting firm. There is a tendency for the US market to have an oversized impact on the dollar." While German stocks fell, too,

"the US stock market is much bigger than Germany's," so the Dow is more important for the dollar, said Hillel Waxman, manager of foreign exchange at Bank Leumi Trust Co. The dollar dropped to 1.7614 marks from 1.7773 marks late

Friday in New York. The dollar

was little changed at 121.68 yen from 121.93 yen Friday. The yen's gains were limited by concern that Southeast Asia's economic woes will harm Japan's economy. "Japan is more caught up in it" than the US, Koss said.

A quarter of Japan's exports go to Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia Siogapore, the Philippioes and South Korea. Helping the yen were US Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin's commeots hat Japan must avoid increasing its trade surplus and should rely on domestic growth to pull its economy out of a six-year slump.

The yen's weakness has helped boost Japan's trade surplus. So Rubin's remarks led traders to conclude the Clinton administration doesn't want to see the dollar rise much more against the yen. "There is a consensus in



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Washington and Tokyo that the yen shouldn't weaken much further," Koss said.

Hong Kong's stock plunge - the Hang Seng has lost 29 percent of its value in the past three weeks stems from the government's determination to maintain the Hong Kong dollar's 14-year-old

peg to the US dollar. To that end. the government has raised interest rates to deter speculators from borrowing Hong Kong dollars and then selling them.

The higher rates hurt stocks by raising borrowing costs. With seven out of 10 Hong Kong-listed companies involved in property development, the market is widely regarded as among the most interest-rate sensitive in the world.

So far, the Hoog Kong governmeot has feoded off attacks against the dollar peg. The US dollar was little changed at 7.7340 Hoog Kong dollars yesterday from 7.7310 dollars Friday.

The continuing market turmoil Southeast Asia raised investor anxiety about Latin America, too, today, with the dollar rising to a record high of 8.35 Mexican pesos from 7.88 pesos yesterday.

The big thing is we're getting contagion into Latin America. Koss said. "The peso is blowing out, and equities are melting down."Mexican stocks fell more than 3%, and Brazilian stocks fell almost 6%.

The prospect of financial turmoil in Latin America hurts the dollar because of the US's close ecocomic ties with the region. Mexico, for example, is the US's third-largest trade partner,

Cushioning the dollar's decline were early gains by US Treatury bonds, "I think the US bond market will do well given interest-rate levels and the fact that it is a safe haven from all the stock market turmoil, said Chris Iggo, currency strategist at Barclays Bank, "That should balance out the negative effect of a falling stock market on the dollar." (Bloomberg)

Copper falls amid Asian financial crisis

Gold prices rose as jewelers bought amid perceptions prices were attractive after having hit a 12-and-a-half-year low earlier yesterday. Gold plunged Friday after a Swiss government panel recommended the country's central bank could sell half its gold reserves.

The panel said Switzerland, the fifth largest gold holder in the \$311.25 an ounce.

Platinum and palladium prices rose in inter-bank trading. Spot platinum fell 70 cents to \$411.50

world, could sell op to 1,400 tons of its reserves to invest in other better-performing assets. Spot gold traded \$2.25 higher at

Precious metals an ounce while spot palladium rose \$2.25 to \$204.75 an ounce.

CONNIODITIES on growing concern about slowing second-biggest zinc smelter - sold demand for the metal as the finance as much as 250,000 tons of zinc

Oil

Brent crude oil prices rose, lifted by expectations that colder weather will increase demand for crude from refiners at a ome when fighting in northern Iraq could threaten exports from the region.

During the weekend the Iraci News Agency said Turkish warplanes had dropped napalm in the latest io a series of clasbcs between the PUK on one side and the Turkey and the Turkish-supported Kurdistan Democraoc Party on the other. December

Gold \$314.54 A 2.54% Crude Oil \$20.20 ▲ 0.31%

Brent crude futures rose 36 cents to \$20.25 a barrel.

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Others

Copper slumped to its lowest price for almost a year in London cial crisis in Asia deepens. In electronic trading, copper for three months delivery dropped as much as \$57, or 2.8 percent, to \$1,969 a metric ton, its lowest since November 11, compared with Friday's close of floor trading on the London Metal Exchange. It was traded at \$1,989 a ton, a decline of \$37.

Zinc prices fell in London. China's zinc smelters have suffered losses of about \$100 million from bad bets on the price direccon of the metal, an official with China's main noo-ferrous metals company said.

Chinese smelters, particularly Zhuzhon smelter - the country's

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that they didn't own earlier this year in the expectation that prices would fall and they could buy the metal more cheaply in the future and pocket the difference as profit. Instead, the price climbed, leaving the smelters with losses as they had to pay more for zinc to cover their sales contracts. Three month zinc was down \$23 to \$1,246 a ton on the London Metal Exchange.

Robusta coffee fell after rain in Brazil fueled speculation that the country will harvest a bumper crop next year. Robusta coffee for January delivery fell \$5 to \$1,509 a metric ton on the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange. (Bloomberg)

US bonds little changed as traders eye stock market

US bonds were little changed, and yields bovered at three-week lows, as investors speculated a plunging stock market will keep alive demand for Treasury securi-

"It's the safe haven phenomenon," said Philip Rice, a partner at San Anselmo, California-based private iovestmeot fund Atlas Pleiades Capital Management. Rice, who expects the rally to

continue, said he's considering buying Treasury future contracts. "Fund managers who want to put fixed-income into their portfolio are buying across the curve," he added.

Bonds see-sawed with the stock market, and as traders looked to today's quarterly report on labor costs, testimony by Federal Chairman Reserve

Greenspan tomorrow, and the sale of an expected \$64 billion in new government securities in the next two weeks.

The benchmark 30-year bond rose 1/32 or 31 cents per \$1,000 bond, leaving its yield at 6.27 percent. The yield on the two- year note fell 5 basis points to 5.69%. The government yesterday said

sales of existing homes rose 0.2% to 4.32 million units in September from 4.31 million a month earlier, keeping alive concern growth is strong enough to push prices higher. Analysts surveyed by Bloomberg News, on average, forecast sales would drop to 4.26

More signs of strength in the economy in reports like today's employment cost index or any cautionary commentary for



Greenspan might keep investors on alert for a Fed. rate increase at some point.

"If we get an ugly ECI and Greenspan is hawkish, it will be sayonara in the bond market," said Joseph LaVorgna, economist at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell.

"With Hong Kong under pressure, Asia-based investors and savers have a safe-haven, flightthem into dollar-denominated U.S. assets," said Tom Carpenter, managing director at ASB Capital Managemeet in Washington, which has about \$6 billion under managemeot. Traders also say an economic

slump in Asia will help keep inflation from accelerating worldwide, in turn keeping the Federal Reserve from raising interest rates Treasuries may also benefit if, as

some traders expect, investors shift some of their boldings out of bonds of Asian borrowers - which have suffered with other Asian markets - and put more of their holdings into US bonds.

Only a small camp of investors now view the Fed. as likely to boost rates soon, according to

contracts - among the most sensitive to changes in expectations for Fed. policy. The implied yield on the March

contract fell 16 basis points in the past week to 5.83%, just 5 basis points higher than the current rate for three-month borrowing. That suggests few investors expect the Fed. to raise rates by the time the contract expires. The Fed. last changed interest rates in March, raising the target

rate for overnight borrowing between banks by a quarter point to 5.50%. Fed. policy-makers next meet Nov. 12. Still, investors face a flurry of

economic figures this week, which may show the US economy is strong enough to spur inflation. (Bloomberg)

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Marlins are Kingfish, Indians still cursed

Bases-loaded hit in 11th inning gives Florida World Series crown

MIAMI (AP) - The Florida Marlins got their money's worth, and so did baseball fans.

In a Game 7 that got more thrilling with each pitch, the Marlins delivered the World Series trophy, they spent nearly \$100 mil-lion to capture. But it was the way the won it that not even billionaire owner Wayne Huizenga could have bargained for.

Down to their last at-bat, the Marlins sprang to life just in time, beating the long-suffering Cleveland Indians 3-2 Sunday night on Edgar Renteria's RBI single with two outs in the bottom of

the 11th inning.
While the 5-year-old Marlins became the youngest expansion team to win a championship - and the first wild card - the Indians only added to a half-century of

Cleveland was just a double-play grounder away from its first championship since 1948, but Craig Counsell's sacrifice fly in the ninth tied it at 2. The Marlins then took advantage of an error by second baseman Tony Fernandez to score the winning run on Renteria's bases-loaded hit.

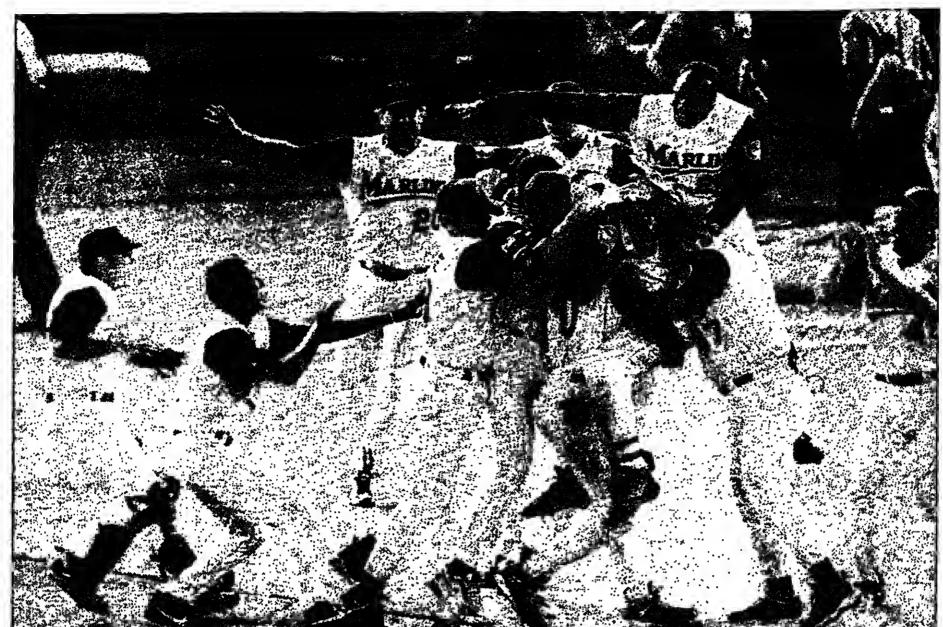
"I was a little concerned. We haven't given up all year - tonight wasn't the time to give up. When we walked into the clubhouse tonight, we knew we were going to be world champions," Marlins manager Jim Leyland said.

A see-saw Series finished with the teams alternating wins for all seven games. Devoid of drama for the first six games, Game 7 packed an entire season's worth of thrills into one night that kept get-ting better as the clock passed midnight.

The Marlins had never had a winning year until their spending spree, and it paid off - barely. They eclipsed the mark of the New York Mets, who won in their eighth season in 1969, as the fastest to the top.
This was just the third Game 7

to go to extra innings. It happened in 1991 in one of the most memorable games ever, the night Jack Morris pitched all 10 innings to lead Minnesota over Atlanta 1-0,

Florida led the majors with 26 wins in their final at-bat. One of them came in the Marlins' first



WILD THINGS - The Florida Marlins, the first wild card team to win the World Series, celebrate after 11th-inning victory.

postseason game when Renteria's two-out single in the ninth inning beat San Francisco in the opener of the division series.

Jay Powell pitched one laning for the victory. Charles Nagy, passed over in favor of rookie Jaret Wright for the Game 7 start. lost in his first relief appearance

Florida pitcher Livan Hernandez became just the second rookie to win the Series MVP award, joining Larry Sberry of Los Angeles in 1959. The trophy was even more special for the 22-year-old Hernandez, who won Games 1 and 5, because his mother was allowed by Cuban officials to visit

"The victory, I give to her," he said, shouting so his translator could hear him. "This trophy, it's

Indians manager Mike Hargrove found no joy on his 48th birthday. Born a year after the Indians' last title, his club added the most devastating defeat to a city that has only known losing for too

long. It was their second World Series loss in three years. "I don't really know what to tell

the team, other than they played hard all year long," Hargrove said. "We overcame long odds to get where we're at. We played hard, we didn't give the game away, it could've gone either way." Cieveland relief ace Jose Mesa was just a double-play grounder away from clinching the championship in the ninth, but Counsell tied it with a deep fly to right. Bobby Bonilla, one of Florida's

high-priced free agents, singled to start the 11th against Nagy. One out later. Counsell hit a grounder to the right side and Bonilla may have screened Fernandez. racing to third when the ball rolled past the second baseman's glove. "I tried to shield it somewhat," Bonilla said. "I'm not running that well, I have the hamstring, the way I was running, I wasn't going to get to second anyway."

Visions of Bill Buckner's misplay in the 1986 Series stured as the Indians intentionally walked Jim Eisenreich to load the bases. Devon White grounded into a force play at the plate before Renteria lined an 0-1 pitch past Nagy for the victory.

The Marlins raced on to the field in triumph while Indians first baseman Jim Thome crouched aloue in front of the mound.

Fernandez gave the Indians the lead in third with a two-run single off Florida starter Al Leiter. Bonilla made it 2-1 in the seventh with a home run, the only run allowed by the 21-year-old

Thome drew a leadoff walk in the third and Marquis Grissom followed with a single on another full count. That brought up Wright, and once again a Cleveland pitch-

er came through at the plate. A day after starter Chad Ogea had two hits and drove in two runs in a 4-1 win, Wright put down a sacrifice bunt to the right side.

First baseman Darren Daulton bobbled the ball and cost himself a chance to make a play at third. The runners were forced to stay

at second and third when Omar Vizquel popped up. But Fernandez delivered them with a soft single to center field.

The Marlins had a threat in the opening inning when Renterial doubled and Gary- Sheffield walked with one out.

Daulton hit a grounder to Fernandez, and the second baseman flipped to Vizquel-for a force

play.
Vizquel tied a Series record by stealing two bases in the fifth inning. He stole five bases in the Series and was not caught.

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A perfect ending for Marlins' skipper Jim Leyland

end exactly the way it did.

And when the World Series finally did cad Sunday night, Jim Leyland lifted both hands skyward in celebration and ran to the screen behind home plate, exhorting first his family to join him, then the Marlins fans, then everyone who has ever loved the game he dedicated his lifetime to.

"I guess every little boy dreams of this," said Leyland, whose three decades in baseball have been laced with as much bitter as sweet. "But I thought it was a total fantasy for me."

Fittingly, Bobby Bonilla was the first player to embrace Leyland because it was Bonilla who was with him in Pittsburgh, where Leyland got his first big-league managing job

Series in the bottom of the last

Edgar Renteria's bases-loaded,

two-out single off Charles Nagy

in the 11th inning gives the

Marlins a 3-2 victory over the

Cleveland Indians in the seventh

Joe Carter's three-run homer with one out in the ninth inning

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1991 Minnesota Twins

1997 Florida Marlins

game of the Series.

Teams that won the World Atlanta Braves and a 4-3 win.

MIAMI (AP) - He was the reason it liad to and come so tantalizingly close to a World sories suveral dimes that you wondered how be ever got over the heartaches.

For a moment, Leyland's pencil-thin frame nearly disappeared in Bonilla's muscular embrace, a scene that framed his style of running a ballclub. No manager is better loved by the guys who play for him than Leyland, and none is quite so self-effacing.

He signed his first pro contract with the Detroit organization in 1963.

He cried the day he had to release his first player - Leyland was all of 26 and managing Detroit's rookie club in Bristol, Virginia and over 11 seasons he managed in five different towns at all different levels of the minor

Last at-bat World Series winners

ning run of a 4-3 victory over the Chicago Cubs, giving the Tigers a 4-2 Series triumph.

1929 Philadelphia Athletics

Bing Miller doubled in Al

Simmons to cap a three-run rally

in the ninth inning and gave the

A's a 3-2 victory over the Chicago Cubs and a 4-1 Series

win. Mule Haas had tied the score

with a two-run homer earlier in

Earle Combs scored the winning

run on Johnny Miljus' second wild

pitch of the ninth iming, giving

the Yankees a 4-3 victory over the

Pittsburgh Pirates and a four-game Series sweep. Miljus had strock out Bob Meusel and Lou Gehrig

with the bases full before the

the inning. 1927 New York Yankees

Holding the trophy above his bead, he said, This is for all the minor league managers, the guys in the instructional leagues," be said. "I'm a Double-A backup, flunky catcher. So don't give up guys."

Leyland suffered losing the NL Championship Series three straight years while managing in Pittsburgh and when the costconscious Pirates let guys like Bonilla and Barry Bonds go, then he decided to leave, too.

In Florida was the promise that owner Wayne Huizenga's deep pockets would back bim. He looked around the Marlins clubhouse in the spring, knew the talent was there and then set about melding it into a team that would breathe life into a slogan be set forth as an ideal - "25 players, one heartbeat."

Earl McNeely's ground ball

bounced over rookie third base-

man Freddie Lindstrom's head to

bring home Muddy Ruel with the

wimning rum in the Senators' 12

inning 4-3 victory that gave them

the Series 4-3 over the New York

Fred Snodgrass dropped a rou-

tine fly ball in center field, setting

the stage for a two-run 10th

inning rally that gave the Red

Sox a 3-2 victory and a 4-3 Series

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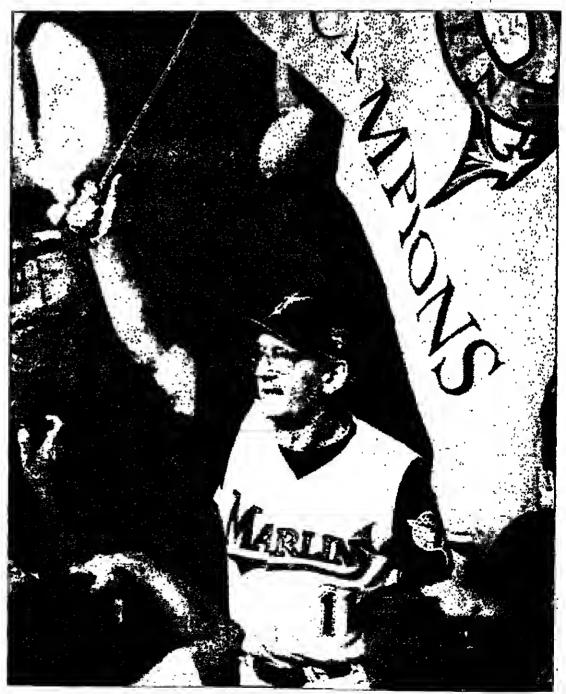
10th, but Tris Speaker's single

tied the score in the bottom of the

inning and Larry Gardner's sacri-

fice fly ended the Series.

1912 Boston Red Sox



WHO'S THE BOSS - Marlins manager Jim Leyland carries the championship flag-

Return to Heartbreak Hotel

1960 Pittsburgh Pirates .

Bill Mazeroski's ninth-inning

homer broke, a 9-all tie and gave

the Pirates the championship in

seven games against the New

York Yankees. The Pirates five-

run rally in the eighth had given

them a 9-7 lead, but NY fied it

with two runs in the top of the

Billy Martin's one-out single,

his 12th hit of the Series, drove in

the winning run in the ninth

inning and gave the Yankees a 4-

3 victory over the Brooklyn

Goose Goslin's two-out single

in the ninth brought home Mickey Cochrane with the win-

Dodgers and a 4-2 Senes win.

1935 Detroit Tigers

1953 New York Yankees

CLEVELAND (AP) - Nothing ever hurt this bars and restaurants.

This title-starved city watched in anguish as its best chance to win the World Series in nearly a half-century slipped away.

For long-suffering Indians fans — who have not seen their club win the World Series since 1948 and have witnessed four 100-loss seasons since 1971 — it was the hardest loss ever.

"I'm heartbroken," said Indians fans Ben Pyles. "We've waited 50 years for this and they lose it when they're two outs away. It's driving me nuts."

Pyles was one of about 2,000 people who braved a steady rain and bone-chilling cold to watch the game on giant TV screens outside at the Nautica entertainment complex in the Flats district, a neighborhood of

Bars in the Flats and Gateway neighborhood near Jacobs Field were jammed throughout the marathon game that lasted into early Monday morning. For most watching in this city of a half-million, it

was an emotionally exhausting experience.

The mood was festive as the Indians entered the bottom of the ninth inning ahead 2-1. But things changed when Florida's Craig Counsell tied it.

At Pete & Dewey's, just beyond the center field fence of Jacobs Field, many in the standing room crowd put their heads in their bands. Other walked in circles, stunned in disbelief. Some

cursed. At Nautica, the once rowdy crowd went completely silent. And then the tears came.

Miami paints the town teal MIAMI (AP) - The 5-year-old Marlins

bandwagon is full.

While the team's stadium was seldom full during the season, South Florida was painted in Marlins' teal Sunday night as fans celebrated the Marlins' 11th-inning come-from-behind 3-2 win over Cleveland to claim Florida's first-

ever World Series. With salsa music, frozen drinks and cigars, Marlins fans began to celebrate Sunday night.
"This is absolutely incredible," said Brook
Smith, 32, of Aventura, watching from a Coconut Grove bar. "We're going to party ... tonight, all night, into the morning. We've got 50 people coming to my house, and we're

In Little Havana, where the team's Latin players have a strong following, they were cel-chrating the win and Colombian Edgar Remeria's game-winning hit.

The kid from Barranquilla, (Colombia) he came through, he came through," said Tony Gonzalez, watching the game at a Little Havana restaurant. "What an entotional moment. It is time to celebrate."

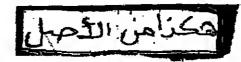
Fans poured into the streets of city neighborhoods within minutes of the win, and tire trucks drove up and down State Road AiA along the Atlantic Ocean in Fort Lauderdale honking their homs.

Fans lined Calle Ocho, the main street through Little Havana, and the sound of car

"We're going to go find (pitcher) Livan Hernandez, and we're going to smoke a big cigar," said Anthony Garcia, who was draped in an enormous teal Marlins flag. "I'm not sleeping for about three days. This is going to be a non-stop party."

At bars, patrons dumped beer on each other and broke into song.

Police were hoping celebrations didn't turn dangerous. Every available police officer that works in trendy Coconut Grove was called in to work, as bar patrons spilled out into the streets. But Chris Petit, 21, of Miami, had no worries."We're civilized people in Miami. It's going to be a nice atmosphere," he said."



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Indianapolis First Quarter: SD_FG 6.Davis 45, 6:45, Second Quarter: SD—FG G.Davis 35, 14:47. SD—FG G.Davis 34, 5:32. SD—FG G.Davis 31, :11. Third Quarter: SD - 6.Brown 1 run (6.Davis lock), 7-29. ind—Dawkins 36 pass from Justin (pass failed), 6:19. SD—Rartley 2 pass from Humphries (G.Daws Nick), 1-58. Footh Quarter: SD—F6 G.Davis 45, 1931: Ind—Bailey 10 pass from Justin (Blanchard leck) 534. Ind—McDroy 42 blocked field goal return (pass failed), 2:17.50—R. Harrison 40 kirchoff

return (kick blocked), 2:09. A-63,177.

Peterson 38, 12:55; Sea--- FG Peterson 25, 7:24.

Sea—Galloway 2 pass from Hoon (Penerson lock), 226. A—66.264.

RUSHING—Cakland, Kanfusan 17-172, Fenner 1-5,

Hali 3-2 Seattle, Warren 13-76, Galloway 1-44,

PASSING Oakland, George 18-29-0-260. Seattle,

RECEIVING Oakland, Brown 7-107, Feaner 4-17.

Jett 3-78, Dudley 3-49, Williams 1-9. Seattle,

Galloway 7-117, McKnight 4-100, Blades 4-58, Broussard 4-30, Warren 3-29, Gruppler 2-48, Strong

Broussard 12-24, Strong I-I.

2-10. Hobbs 1-10, Princhard 1-7.

MISSED FIELD GOALS -- None.

Moon 28-44-2-409.

RUSHING — Indianapolis, Fault 8-11, Warren 3-11, Crockert 5-9, San Diego, Brown 28-169, Craver 5-22, First Quarter: Dal—FG Cunningham 26, 9-27. Second Quarter: Dal—FG Cunningham 24, 12-12. Dal—FG Cunningham 35, :41. Third Quarter: Phi—FG Boniel 37, 13-14. Petcher 1-16, Clones 1-5, Hamphries 3- (minus 4).
PASSING—Indianapolis, Justin 20-39-2-243. San
Diego, Humphries 21-34-0-229.

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Philadelphia 0 0 3 10—13

Pal—F6 Cunningham 43, 8-55. Phi—Lewis 8 pass from Peete (Boniol kick), :37. A—67,106.

Philadelphia, Watters 20-88, Garner 9-55, Turner 1-

PASSING—Dailas, Aikman 2-6-0-21, Wilson 11-16-0-

Cincinnati 7 14 0 6-27 New York 3 7 6 13-29

RUSHING—Cincinnati, Carter 17-70, Bieniemy 3-12, Dillon S-B. Blake 2-B. New York, Way 20-75, Wheatley 16-39, Kanell 6-0, Pegram 1-(misss 5) PASSING— Cincinnati, Blake 17-34-1-237. New York, Kanell 18-31-0-214.

Naine 3-33, Scott 2-23, Dillon 1-21, Carter 1-16, McGee 1-16, Pickens 1-13, Battaglia 1-12. New York, Alexander 5-100, Calloway 5-56, Way 3-23, Cross 2-23, Pegram 2-8, Wheatley 1-4. MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

First Quarter: Bal—Alexander [3 pass from Testaverde (Stover kick), 9-54. Was—Shepberd 15

pass from Frerotte (Blanton bick), 6:45. Second Quarter: Bal-Horris 4 run (Stover bick), 10:23.

Third Quarter: Bal-FG Stover 34, 9-22 Was-

Minchell 6 pass from Frerotte (Blanton tick), 2:17. Fourth Quarter: Bal—FG Stover 28, 12:16. Was—FG Blanton 26, 6:42. A.—75,067. RUSHING—Baltimore, Horris 36-176, Testaverde 6-

II, Byner I-6, J.Lewis I-6, Washington, Davis I7-59, Mitchell 2-5, Bowie I-3, Frerotte I-0. PASSING—Baltimore, Testaverde 18-21-0-142.

Washington, Frenute 17-33-1-199.
RECEIVING—Baltimore, Mexander 3-58, Jackson 3-28, J.Lewis 2-48, Morris 2-8, Washington, Asher 5-52, Mitchell 4-36, Ellard 3-44, Bowie 3-36, Shepherd 2-

MISSED FIELD GOALS-Baltimore, Stover 49 (SH).

St. Louis 7 7 0 6—20
First Quarter: RC—FG Stoyanovich 25, 12-35.
Sti.—Broce 12 pass from Banks (Wilkies kick), 4:59.

KC-FG Sovyanovich 52, 54. Second Quarter: KC-

Davison 21 pass from Grbac (Vanover pass from Grbac), 10:40. KC.—FG Stoyanovich 41, 5:57. Scl.—Phillips I rum (Wilkins Sck), 1:48. Third Quarter: KC.—FG Stoyanovich 39, 10:39. KC.—Allea 2 rum (Gontzalez pass from Grbac), 7:91. Fourth Quarter: Scl.—FG Wilkins 25, 11:12. Scl.—FG Wilkins 49, E-07. 4.4.044.

94, Crawford 4-85, Flord 3-35, Lee 2-16, Council 2-14, Small 1-30, Phillips 1-(minus-6). MISSED FIELD GOALS—Sch.—Wilkins 45 (WR).

New Orleans 0 0 0 0—0
First Quarter: SF—Hearst 19 pass Iron Young (Anderson 36, 7:53, SF—FG Anderson 51, :00. Third Quarter: SF—FG Anderson 29, 7:01. Fourth Quarter:

A-60,443.

A-56.815.

-Stokes 5 pass from Young (Anderson lock), 5:09.

Young 1-8, Floyd 3-4, Broken 1-(mines I). New Orleans, Zellars 8-27, Bates 5-18, Skuler 1-5, L'Davis

urreaux, zestars o-zz, natus 3-16, sauter 1-3, Luzins 2-3, Nussaiteier 1-2, Bender 1-9.
PASSING—San Francisco, Young 29-32-0-230. New Orleans, Wuerfiel 7-15-1-60, Nussantier 4-9-0-36, Shuler 1-10-13.

RECEIVING-San Francisco, Owens 7-94, Stokes 5

0 0 0 6-6

HISSED FIELD GOALS -- None.

-San Francisco, Kirby 15-73, Hearst 17-53.

-Kansas Gry, Bennett B-32, Hill B-30,

Kansas City 6 II II 0-28

First Quarter: NY-FG Daluiso 35, 10:37.

6. Peete 3-5.

RECEIVING—Indianapolis, Oawkins 5-84, K.Harrison 4-47, Baikey 3-39, Faulk 3-13, Warren 2-34, Oilger 2-12, Stablein 1-14, San Oiego, Hartin 6-61, Ejones 4-28, Hartley 3-34, Fletcher 3-6, Metcalf 2-29, Still 1-33, Clones 1-23, Brown 1-15. RUSHIMG—Dallas, E.Smith 25-126, Aikman 2-15, Sh.Williams 2-6, Wilson 1-3, Walker 1-1. HISSED FIELD GOALS—San Diego, G.Davis 40 (BK).

PASSING—Dallas, Aikman 2-6-0-21, Wilson II-16-0-108. Philadelphia, Peete 13-31-0-126. RECEIVING—Dallas, E.Smith 5-36, Irvin 3-57, Miller 2-16, Walker I-8, Bjørnson I-7, St. Williams I-5. Philadelphia, Fryar 6-59, Turner 2-34, Seay I-11, Lewis I-0, Garner I-5, Timpson I-5, Watters I-4, MISSED FIELD GOALS—Philadelphia, Boolof 52 (SH), hrst Quarter: len—FG Del Greco 52, 11:10. Second Quarter: len—Walker 39 interception return (Del Greco kick), 12:49. Ten—FG Del Greco 42, 1:46. Ten—HcNair 35 rnn (Del Greco kick), :09. Third Quarter: Ten—HcNair 2 rnn (Del Greco kick), 13:48. Ariz—R.Moore 12 pass from Plummer (Nedney kick), 5:54. Ten—Canders 55 pass from Nedney Kick), 5:54. Ten—Canders 55 pass from Nedney (Pod. Greco kick)

> K.Williams 1-12, Gedney 1-5. HISSED FIELD GOALS None.

Atlanta 0 3 3 6—12 Carolina 14 0 0 7—21 First Quarter: Car—Biakabutuka 12 run (Kasay

Hanspard 2-3, Tolliver 4-(mious 3). Carolina. Bialcabutuka 23-104. Greene 6-27, Collins 5-7, Lane I-3, Johnson I-(minus 4). PASSING—Azlanta, Tolliver 17-28-0-217, Graziani 4-18-2-24.

Carolina, Collins 12-25-1-107.

RECEIVING — Arbarta, Hathis 8-107, Emanuel 5-48,
Green 3-34, Haynes 2-29, Anderson 1-14, Santiagu 113, Christian 1-5, Carolina, Carrier 3-34, Ismail 2-24,

0 10 10 0 3—23 0 0 0 20 0—20 Second Quarter: Den-FG Flam 23, 9:35. Den-

RUSHING Denver, Davis 42-207, Elway 2-14, Hebron 1-6, D.Smith 1-(minus 2), Boffalo, A.Smith 16-92, Thomas 9-47, Hoelds 1-9, Yan Pelt 1-4, Reed

COMMS 7-16-2-3., But ret 12-24-1-17.
RECEIVING—Denver, Davis 5-29, Sharpe 4-35,
R.Smith 3-35, Carswell 2-9, McGaffrey 1-17, D.Smith
1-8. Buffalo, Early 6-91, Reed 4-70, Johnson 4-17,
Mondds 3-30, Riemersona 1-4, A.Smith 1-0.
HISSEO HELD GOALS—Denver, Elaut 38 (WR).

Anders 2-13, Allen 3-7, Grisec 5-5, Sc. Louis, Phillips 23-67, Banks 2-17, Lee 2-9, Heyward 1-6. PASSING.—Eansas City, Grbac 20-37-0-204. Sc. Louis, Banks 18-30-0-268, Rypner 0-1-1-0.

RECEPTING.—Eansas City, Grbac 20-37-0-204. Sc. Louis, Banks 18-30-0-268, Rypner 0-1-1-0.

RECEPTING.—Eansas City, Physion 5-50, Gonzalez 4-24, Reception 2-33, Rison 2-33, Anders 2-12, Bennett 2-4, Allen 1-10, Welley 1-4, 168-17-3 Sc. Louis Rosen 5-2-12.

(minus-6). HESSED FIELD GOALS— Hone.

New England .625 201 Tarripa. Bay 0 0 0 6—6
Third Quarter: Hinn—F6 Hurray 28, 4:96. Hinn—Evans 1 run (Hurray kick), 28. Fourth Quarter: TB—Anthony 2 pass from Differ (kick failed), 10:11. A—50,815.
RISHING—Hiomesota, Hoard 18-40, R.Smith 11-30;
Evans 4-17, M.Williams 1-4, B.Johnson 1-3. Tampa
Bay, Dana 10-39, Alstott 6-8, Differ 2-5.
PASSING—Minnesota, B.Johnson 20-29-0-230.
Tampa Bay, Differ 15-29-0-188. Kansas City RECEIVING - Plinnesota, Carter 7-80, Reed 3-46, CWalsh 2-30, DeLong 2-29; Glover 2-26, R.Smith 2-Tanpa Bay, Anthony 5-72, D.Moore 2-35, K.Williams 2-72, Dunn 2-19, Copleland 2-14, Alstott 2-6,

| ISSEP FIELD GOALS—Minnesota, Murray 30 (WK) NATIONAL CONFERENCE Pct. PF .667 186 Galdand 14 11 9 0-34
Seattle 3 15 14 13-45
First Quarter: Sea FG Peterson 21, 7-22. OakLanfman 55 rm (Ford lock), 6:39. Oak-lett 13 pass
from George. (Ford lock), 3:13. Second Quarter: Central Sea JG Peterson 40, 14:08. Sea Blades 7 pass Brown Hoon (pass failed), 6:34. Sea McChaight 42 pass from Hoon (pass failed), 4:16. Oak—FG ford 53, 1:49. Washington 44 interception return (Brown Green Bay Tampa Bay Decroit San Francisco St. Louis

> NFL Calendar from playing in 1997 station. Dec. 22 — Regular season ends.
> Dec. 27-28 — Wild Card playoff games. Jan. 3-4 — Divisional playoffs games. Jan. 11 — Conference championships.

Tennessee 3 17 14 7—41 Arizona 0 0 7 7—14 First Quarter: Ten-FG Del Greco 52, 11:10. Second Holdair (Del Greco lock), 1:41. Fourth Quarter: Yen—CSanders 20 pass from Holdair (Del Greco kick), 11:51. Ari—R.Hoore 2 pass Irona Plammer

kick), 1L51. Ari—R.Moore 2 pass from Planmer (Nedney kick), 6:04. A.—44,030.

RUSHING—Tennessee, George 17-71, McNair 6-70, Planmas 18-13. Harmon 1-(minus-6), Krieg 1-0. Arizona, Centers 14-57, Planmer 6-34. McErroy 4-15. PASSING—Tennessee, McNair 9-17-0-146. Krieg 1-2-0-2. Arizona. Planmer 21-40-4-195.

RECEIVING—Tennessee, Wychek 5-59, C.Sanders 2-75, George 1-7, Davis 1-5, Harmon 1-2. Arizona, E.Sanders 10-98. R.Hoore 6-58. Centers 3-22.

Fiest Quarter: NY—F6 Daluiso 35, 10:37.

Cin—Dillon I run (Pellrey kick), 6:23. Second Quarter: NY—Way I run (Daluiso kick), 14:50.

Cin—Bieniemy 102 kickoff return (Pelfrey kick), 14:32. Cin—Duon 39 pass from Blake (Pelfrey kick), :06. Third Quarter: NY—Way I run (run failed), 8:57. Forth Quarter: NY—Wheatley I run (pass failed), 14:08. NY—Wheatley 3 run (Daluiso kick), 3:24. Cin—Blake 4 run (pass failed), 1:31. A— ESanders 10-98, R. Hoore 6-58, Centers 3-22,

First Quarter: Car—Biakabueuka 12 run (Kasay kick), 5:17. Car—Collins 16 pass to Carrier (Kasay kick), 14:59. Second Quarter: Ad—FG Andersen 34, 2:56. Third Quarter: At1—FG Andersen 44, 10:13. Fourth Quarter: Car—Biakabutuka 26 run (Kasay kick), 12:20. At1—Anderson 14 pass from Tolliver (run failed), 6:41. A—64.675. RUSHING—Atlanta, Anderson 15:50, Graziani 2-18, Nansanad 2-3. Tolling Aufminus 3). Carolina

Walfs 2-21, Johnson 2-14, Greene 2-8, Carruch 1-6, HISSEO FIELD GOALS—None,

Liberis 9 rue (Elam kick), 156. Third Quarter. Den-FG Elam 22, 11:41, Den-Traylor 62 intercep-tion return (Elam kick), 4:13. Fourth Quarter: But-Reed 27 pass from Van Pelt (Christie kick). 12:10. But-F6 Christie 30, 9:40. But-Early 31 pass from Van Pelt (Christie Lick), 2:23. Oul-FG Christie 55, :02. Overtime: Den-FG Elam 33, 1:56. A---78,458.

PASSING—Deures, Etway 16-32-0-133. Buffalo, Collins 7-18-2-35, Yan Pelt 12-24-1-177.

Second Quarter: Jac—Jackson 8 pass from Brunell (Hollis lock), 14:08. Jac.—FG Hollis 20, 6:24. Third Quarter: Fit—Hawkins 28 pass from & Steware (Najohason tock), 8:09. Fourth Quarter: Fit— KStewart I run (Najohason kick), 12:21. Jac— Mitchell 3 pass from Brunell (Hellis kick), 8:13. Fit—FG Najohason 19, 2:21. Overtime: Fit—Bettis 17 pass from Extewart, 9:13. 4—57.011. NUSHING—Jacksouville, Litewart 16-39, Branell 5-25, R.Johnson 2-9. Fittsburgh, Bettis 28-99, K.Stewart 8-37, HcAfee 1-5.

PASSING Jacksonville, Brunell 15-30-0-214, RJohnson 0-1-4-0. Stusburgh, LStewart 25-42-1-317. BECEVING—Jacksonville, Smith 4-50, Jackson 3-64, Marchell 3-36, McCardell 2-22, J. Jackson 3-84, Marchell 3-36, McCardell 2-22, J. Jackson 7-71, Bettis 3-35, Brøener 2-13, Marsh 1-8, 6, Jones 1-

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57, Clark 2-31, Hearst 2-24, Uwaczucke 1-10, Harris 1-9, Floyd 1-4, Kirby 1-1. New Orleans, Kill 4-34, Zellars 3-21, Hastings 2-33, Gulfford 2-16, LSmith 1-W 1 T Par PF 5 2 8 .714 143 314 195 104 .500 ISI 188 .000 II3 199 J50 194 187 .625 208 168 .500 194 175 .125 125 219 .875 238 133 .750 IBI 133 .625 169 177 500 140 176 375 2B 218 500 178 131 500 137 159 .125 133 t85 750 186 161 714 168 149 .625 146 134 500 180 155 _000 IQ1 199 .875 210 98 pars from George), 39. Third Quarter: Oak—Jett 49
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Ford 22, 4:19. Sea—Galloway 28 pass from Hoon
(Peterson bick), 1:12. Fourth Quarter: Sea—F6 500 128 139 250 133 187 222 118 198 New Orleans .125 145 209

Nov. 4 — Deadline to sign players to whom June I tender was made. Players not signed are prohibited

x-Houtrea Saskatchewan x-clinched playoff berth Friday's result: Winning 55, Sastandewan 9. Saturday's result: Ednoma 30, Hamilton 19. Sunday's results: Housel G. Torono 38:

Calgary 43, B.C. 9. End Regular Season



Broncos escape snowbound Denver to beat Bills in OT

·· NEW YORK (AP) - Just getting to Buffalo was a struggle for

Terrell Davis ran for 207 yards on 42 carries and scored one touchdown, while Jason Elam kicked three field goals, including a 33-yarder with 1:56 left in overtime, as the Broncos won one day after battling through a blizzard back home.

In Seattle, 40-year-old Warren Moon passed for 409 yards and five touchdowns to lead the Seahawks to a 45-34 victory over

Oakland. "Too much is made of the fact that I'm 40 years old," Moon said. "I can still read defenses and throw the football. As long as I'm sur-

rounded by good people, I'll be Elsewhere, Pittsburgh and Minnesota avenged earlier losses to move into first place in their respective divisions. Pittsburgh railied at home to beat Jacksonville 23-17 in overtime for sole possession of first place in the AFC Central. Minnesota won at Tampa Bay 10-6 to take first place in the NFC Central, pending Green Bay's game at New England last night in a Super Bowl

rematch. The Bears-Dolphins game, originally scheduled for Sunday afternoon in Miami, was rescheduled to last night to accommodate Game 7 of the World Series. Detroit and the New York Jets

were idle. Broncos 23, Bills 20 (OT) Denver's flight to Buffalo was delayed 8 hours on Saturday because of a snowstorm in

Colorado. The snow was so bad comerback Tim McKyer abandoned his car and carried his luggage a quarter mile to the team's practice overtime kickoff.

moved up, the Rose Bowl's clos-

ing in and Pat Sullivan is moving

out as coach at Texas Christian

With a 23-7 victory over No. 21

Michigan State on Saturday, the

Wolverines (7-0, 4-0 Big Ten)

moved up a spot to No. 4 in the AP

poll, just two weeks before their

Nov. 8 showdown against No. 2

With a few what-ifs, Michigan

might be able to think national

game," safety Marcus Ray

said."That's not our focus. All of

those games and all of those votes

While the Big Ten has a long

will take care of themselves."

"We don't want to play that

Penn State (6-0, 3-0).

University.

title, yes?

facility, where the team began a 2hour bus ride to the airport. Safety Denver. Then the Broncos had to Sieve Atwaler needed a snowmowithstand a 20-point fourth quar- bile to leave his neighborhood and ter by the Bills to win 23-20 in wound up hitching a ride with

"It showed a lot about our character to play with the adversity we had and come back in overtime, coach Mike Shanahan said.

The Bills, who own the first and third largest comebacks in NFL history, nearly added another to their list. Steve Christie kicked a 55-yard field goal with two seconds remaining to tie the game. capping a rally from a 20-0 fourthquarter deficit behind backup quarterback Alex Van Pelt.

Seahawks 45, Raiders 34 Moon completed 28 of 44 passes, including three touchdowns to Joey Galloway and scoring strikes to Brian Blades and James McKnight

Led by Moon, the Seahawks (5-3) rolled up 554 yards, their sec-ond most in history, won their third in a row and fifth in six Moon had his seventh 400-yard passing game in his 14th NFL season, tying Joe Montana for second

place behind Dan Marino's 13. Steelers 23, Jaguars 17 (OT) Jerome Bettis took Kordell Stewart's shovel pass to score a 17-yard touchdown at 9:13 of overtime as Pittsburgh (6-2) won

its fifth consecutive game. Jacksonville (5-3) took a 17-14 lead on Mark Brunell's 3-yard TD pass to Pete Mitchell after Bettis fumbled at the Steelers 16. But Pittsburgh's Norm Johnson sent the game into overtime with a 19yard field goal with 2:21 remain-

Stewart, who went 25-of-42 for 317 yards and two touchdowns. had 11 completions for 196 yards to Yancey Thigpen, and led the Steelers 77 yards following the

Michigan moves up; TCU

coach Pat Sullivan moving out

representative, No. 10 Washington

State remained the Pac-10's lone

unbeaten team with a 35-34 over-

With the win, the Cougars

opened 7-0 for the first time since

1930, the last season they played

Washington State, at Arizona

State next week, could be headed

for an Apple Cup showdown against No. 7 Washington (6-1, 4-

0) on Nov. 22 to decide who plays

in Pasadena. The Huskies beat

On Sunday, Sullivan said he'll

resign at the end of the season, his

sixth as coach of the Horned

Frogs. TCU is 0-7 after a 31-10

loss to Brigham Young University

time victory over Arizona.

in the Rose Bowl.

Oregon State 45-17.

NEW YORK (APO - Michigan way to go to decide its Rose Bowl

Charles Evans scored on a 1yard run and Eddie Murray kicked

The loss was the third straight for the Bucs (5-3), who opened the season with five successive victo-

Giants 29, Bengals 27 Tyrone Wheatley and Charles Way each scored twice and Jason Schorn intercepted a 2-point conversion pass with 1:30 to play as the Giants (6-3) won their fifth straight, opening a 1½ game lead in the NFC East.

"The bottom line is we are finding ways to win this year instead ways to lose," Schorn said.

Eagles 13, Cowboys 12 Rodney Peete's 8-yard touchdown pass to Chad Lewis with 45 seconds left gave Philadelphia the win at home.

Lewis' touchdown ended a 10play, 74-yard drive sustained by a 27-yard pass to Kevin Turner and an 11-vard completion to Irving Fryar on fourth-and-11 at the Dallas 43.

The Eagles (like the Cowbovs 4-4) knocked out Troy Aikman (mild concussion, strained neck) early in the first quarter and Dallas' red zone offense, next-toworst in the NFL, mustered only Richie Cunningham's four field

Ravens 20, Redskins 17 Bam Morris ran 36 times for 176 yards, both career highs, as Baltimore handed Washington (4-4) its first defeat at Jack Kent Cooke Stadium.

Morris gained 103 yards on 19 attempts with a touchdown in the first half alone as the Ravens (4-4) took advantage of the secondworst run defense in the league entering the game.

Chiefs 28, Rams 20 Pete Stoyanovich drilled four

"I think it's appropriate that I

step down as head football coach

at the end of the season," said

Sullivan, criticized for his han-

dling of several off-the-field prob-

lenis involving players last season.

"This has been a most disappoint-

ing year for our players, as well as

our coaches, the university, our

remains on the Orange Bowl

express after a 35-0 rout of host

Kansas. The Huskers (7-0, 4-0 Big

12t have posted two consecutive

The Orange Bowl is the top

game in the bowl alliance, which

brings the Rose Bowl into the fold

On the field, No. 1 Nebraska

on Saturday.

fans and myself."

next season.

error-prone St. Louis (2-6) in the first regular-season meeting a 28-yard field goal as Minnesota between the teams since the Rams (6-2) won for the fourth time in moved from Anaheim, California,

> 49ers 23, Saints 0 Steve Young threw two touchdown passes and Gary Anderson

kicked three field goals as visiting San Francisco (7-1) won its seventh straight game. New Orleans (2-7), which lost 13-0 to Carolina last week, was

shut out in consecutive games for the first time in its 31-year history. Chargers 35, Colts 19 Gary Brown rushed 28 times for 169 yards and one touchdown as

host San Diego kept Indianapolis winless in eight games. Greg Davis kicked five field goals for the Chargers (4-41, but had a sixth attempt blocked by Ellis

Johnson and returned for a touchdown by Ray McElroy to cut the lead to 29-19 with 2:17 to play... Oilers 41, Cardinals 14

Steve McNair ran for two touchdowns and threw for two more as Tennessee took advantage of four interceptions by Jake Plummer. who was making his first start.

McNair threw 55- and 20-yard

scoring passes to Chris Sanders for the Oilers (4-4), who have seven interceptions in the past two weeks after having none in the previous six. All five Oilers TDs came after Arizona (1-7) turnovers.

Panthers 21, Falcons 12 Tshimanga Biakabutuka rushed for 104 yards and two touchdowns as Carolina (4-4) beat a rookie quarterback making his first start for the second week in a row.

One week after stopping New Orleans and Danny Wuerffel, the

Panthers kept Tony Graziani on the run almost constantly, and the seventh-round draft pick from Oregon completed just four of 18 passes for 24 yards.

The Top 25 (with first-place votes in parentheses, records Record Previous I. Nebraska (35) 2. Penn St. (25) 3, Florida St. (8)

through Oct. 25, and previous ranking) 4. Hichigan 5. Korth Carolina (2) 7-1 6. Florida 8. Tennessee 10. Washington St. 12. UCLA 13. Kansas St. 14. Georgia IS. Iowa 5-2 16. LSU 21 22 17. West Virginia

Barkley broke his nose outside a drinking are rampant in the NBA, involving 60- to 70 percent of the players, The New York Times reported Sunday.

18. Pardue 19. Oklahoma St. 20. Arizona St. 21. Michigan St. 22. Toledo 23. Virginia Tech 24. Southern Miss. 25. Texas A&M

ments made to the newspaper by players, former players, agents and basketball executives in more than two dozen interviews. Marijuana is not covered by the league's substance abuse policy, which has been in effect without major modifications since 1984. Commissioner David Stem has said he would like to have a drug policy that includes marijuana.

ple and cause them to be guilty of criminal conduct. "Stem said. The players' union has resisted a marijuana policy, saying all its members shouldn't come under scrutiny because of the transgressions of a few players.

"That substance can impair peo-

arrested

in barroom

brawl

ORLANDO. (AP) - Charles

Barkley was arrested early Sunday

plate-glass window after the man

Police said the Houston Rockets

star told the victim as he lay bleed-

ing on the ground: "You got what

you deserve. I hope you're hurt."

Lugo, was treated at a hospital for

a laceration to his upper right arm.

Barkley was charged with aggravated battery and resisting

arrest without violence, police

said. He was jailed for five hours

before being released on \$6,000

Barkley told police that Lugo

threw a glass of ice at him and

three women who were sitting at

his table. Barkley chased Lugo to

the front of the bar, where an off-

But Barkley picked up Lugo and

"He lifted that kid up and flung

duty officer tried to intervene.

threw him through the window.

him like he was a toy and threw

him into the window. He broke the

whole glass," said Silvano Fimo, a

Barkley has faced similar accu-

In August, a jury rejected a

\$550,000 lawsuit from a man who

claimed Barkley beat him up at a

Barkley and NBA player Jayson

Williams were accused of being in

a bar fight in Chicago in 1992.

Charges were dropped. Barkley

was acquitted the same year on

misdemeanor battery charges

brought by a man who said

Taking pot shots

Marijuana smoking and beavy

The estimate is based on state-

witness.

sations before.

Cleveland nightclub.

Milwaukee bar...

The 20-year-old patron, Jorge

tossed a glass of ice at him.

Allen Iverson, Isaiah Rider and Marcus Camby were involved in marijuana-related cases over the

NBA team-by-team preview. In tomorrow's edition

Schumacher vilified for race 'tactics'

PARIS (AP) - Michael Schumacher has been summoned to appear before an extraordinary meeting of the World Motor Sport Council, following a report from the FIA race director at the 1997 European Grand Prix. Schumacher has run into a storm of criticism after he appeared to drive his car into Villeneuve's during Sunday's Grand Prix in Jerez, Spain.

Jacques Villeneuve led a wave of criticism over the way he tried to ram his way to the world championship.

Schumacher was attacked by the media in his native Germany as well as in Italy, home of his Ferrari team, for what they called deliberately into the Williams of title rival

Villeneuve at Sunday's European Grand

The Canadian, who survived the collision to finish the Jerez race and clinch the crown, said the former champion had "lost at his own game."

At the Australian Grand Prix in Adelaide three years ago, Schumacher - then also defending a one-point lead in the champi-onship - collided with Damon Hill's Williams and won the championship in the

most acrimonious circumstances.

The German media had little sympathy for a man usually regarded as a hero when he walks down the street in his native shameful driving after he seemed to turn. Rhineland. The Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung said Schumacher had used "Wild

West manners." "The way that the Rhinelander sought a

collision with his opponent's vehicle throws a bad light on him. Gone is his image as the nice boy next-door," the paper lamented. Even the media in Italy, desperate to see

Ferrari win the title again for the first time since 1979, attacked the driver. Corriere dello Spors said: "Villeneuve, you are the legend. Schumacher, now

you've got to say sorry.
"'Schumi', what madness," said the headline in Gazzetta dello Sport.

Some of the British media, who rurned on Schumacher after the 1994 incident, was equally scathing. "Schu are the pits." the Daily Mirror said

in a headline. "Jacques gave Schu exactly what his trick deserved." Even La Stampa newspaper, owned by the Agnelli family, which also controls Ferrari, said Schumacher was at fault. "Schumacher's image as a champion was shattered, like a glass hit hy a stone," the paper said.

Villeneuve was largely diplomatic about his rival. The Canadian talked to Schumacher after the race but they did not talk about the incident.

"Schumacher is a very good driver," he said. I don't know him as a human being, I just know him as a driver. We didn't speak about the incident. We were into the festivities. We'll talk about it later in the year."

Obziler wins in 1st round of Marjorie Sherman Challenger

week's national championships but returned home to top the seeds for the \$25,000 Marjorie Sherman Challenger which began yesterday at Ramat Hasharon.

After the first day's action, only one local player emerged victori-

Tsippi Obziler beat fellow Merav Duek 6-0, 6-0. Smashnova, 163 in the world

rankings, and eighth seed Hila Rosen, take to the courts today. Also at Ramat Hasharon courts this week are the 16th national wheelchair tennis championships. Fifty three players have entered and will play according to their

level. Favorites among the men and women are Ziv Paticha and Iris Lalo respectively. The finals will be held on Friday at 11am.

This week's ATP Tour rankings released yesterday have Eyal Erlich hanging on at 165 while Eyal Ran is at 181. Raviv Weidenfeld and Oren Motevassel are third and fourth respectively at 192 and 208.

Squasb: The junior national championships were held at Herzliya during Hol Hamoed Succot with repeat triumphs for the reigning champions, Nadav

beat Yael Haim, 3-0, in the girls. In third places in the two groups were Ari Gaitelband and Daniela

Winning the other age groups were Lior Greenblat (under 16).

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BY HEATHER CHAIT

Ilan Oren (under 14) and Eran Levy (under 12).

A few decades older is the Masters Squash Group who hold their inter-group team event this Friday. The group, which began in 1989, plays regularly on Fridays, combining training sessions and tough competitions with social weekends away, of course, near a squash court. For more information, telephone 09-

744-8115. Rhythmic gymnastics: Israel's entries in the world championships in Berlin had all the right moves. Or Tokayev finished 15th and Dina Sulima took the 17th

place overall. Golf: Players from Holland, South Africa, Spain, Germany, Turkey, Switzerland and France Wilensky beat Ron Levy 3-0 in the will tee off today alongside their

Israel Amateur Open Championships at Caesarea.

The monthly medal tournament was divided into four divisions. Mike Ossip took the A division with a one under par 72. Kobi Hacham was on par for second place. In the B group, Rahamim Sofer led with a par 73, with Yair Keren second on 76. Michael Firon, in the C division, had the day's lowest score, a 71. John Gainsford came in second with 73. In the D section, Nate Kansky scored 75 for first place with Marcus Mandel second at 79.

In the Coca-Cola league, after 20 rounds, Kfar Shmaryahu is 'the real thing' with a score of 63 points. Herzliya is caught behind on 36 and Jerusalem is entrenched on 22 points.

Cycling: The Har Sdom Race combines hiking at the lowest place on earth and a route among the toughest but most spectacular in Israel, The 'Tour de Sdom,' now in its third year, will be held on November 8 and there is a category for everyone, whether competi-tive or social. The distances vary between 15-25 kilometers and all cover Nahai Parzim, near the Dead Sea. Early registration is until November 1, telephone 07-

Gretzky makes his point

NEW YORK (AP) - Wayne Gretzky of the New York Rangers became the only player in NHL history to register more assists than any other NHL player has points when he set up two goals in Sunday night's 3-3 lie against the Anaheim Mighty Ducks.

Gretzky assisted on a goal hy Niklas Sundstrom at 12:14 of the second period for his 1,850th career assist, equaling the overall point total of Hall-of-Famer Gordie Howe.

Then at 32 seconds of the third period, Gretzky assisted on a goal by Ulf Samuelsson for his milestone. The crowd at Madison Square Garden chanted, "Gretzky, Gretzky," and he waved his stick and gave the fans a thumb-up sign, Gretzky, the NHL's all-time

2,717 points. Red Wings 5, Canucks 1 Kris Draper set up two goals and Detroit capitalized on two of three shots in the second period to coast

scoring leader, now has 866 goals

along with his 1,851 assists for

Despite being outshot 7-3 in the second period, Detroit hlew the game open as Mike Knuble and Gilchrist scored 78 seconds apart to give Detroit a 4-1 lead by the

to a home win.

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S. Africa win Test by 53 runs

Pollock's four wickets in seven deliveries earned South Africa a dramatic 53-run victory over Pakistan to clinch a soggy three-Test series yesterday.

South Africans were brilliant today and they deserved to win, especially the way Pollock howled early in the morning and broke the backbone of our batting line-up. said Pakistani skipper Saeed

With the first two Tests rained out, South Africa's victory yester-

day made it the series' winner.
Pakistan, needing 142 runs, succumbed before Pollock's pace as the fast bowler ripped the home team batting line apart.

The procession began in the fourth over of the day when Aamer Sohail (14) mistimed a pull shot and holed out to a diving Adam Bacher at gully. Sohail was earlier dropped by the same fielder at square leg when he tried to flick Pollock an over ear-

Pollock then made inroads into the Pakistan line-up when he had

FAISALABAD (AP) - Shaun Anwar and Ijaz Ahmed dismissed off his successive deliveries for noughts. Anwar flashed wildly to an outside the offstump delivery to give wicketkeeper Daye Richardson a regulation cardi. Ahmed shuffled too much while facing Pollock's first delivery and

was trapped leg before. Ali Naqvi, who was struggling from the start of the fourth day, finally departed after edging Pollock straight to Daryll Cullinan in the first slip.

Pakistan's first innings top scorer Inzamamul Haq lasted for only five deliveries before Brian McMillan took a fine carch at second slip as Pakistan struggled at 31 for five.

To add to Pakistan's woes, Azhar Mehmood (6) fell to Lance Klusener and Richardson's combi-

Although Wasim Akram added 17 runs for the seventh wicket with wickelkeeper batsman Khan, soon after lunch, Man of the Match Par Symcox span a web around Pakistan's tail in quick

Kedar quits Hap Jerusalem

By ELI GRONER

The panic hutton has been pushed in the capital, as Gadi Kedar resigned from his position as coach of the Hapoel Jerusalem basketball team yesterday. The resignation came after weeks of speculation regarding Kedar's future with Hapoel.

The parting of ways came just one quarter of the way through the reg-ular National Basketball League season, with Hapoel currently mired in 11th place in the standings (2-4) after Sunday's loss to Maccabi Tel Aviv. The dreadful season has included losses to Maccabi Kiryat Motzkin, Maccahi Ramat Gan and Maccabi Rishon Lezion, none of whom are ranked in the top five in the league standings.

Kedar will be replaced temporarily by his assistant, Oded Zehavi. Ramat Gan coach Effi Birnbaum is rumored to be the front-runner among possible permanent replacements being assessed by Hapoel's management.

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GRAPEVINE By GREER FAY CASHMAN

A Bodyguard's nightmare

or Jews, Tuesday is tradi-tionally regarded as the most fortuitons day of fortuitous day of the week, but for Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Wednesday of last week was decidedly his lucky day. After all the flak that Netanyahu has received in recent weeks, the demonstration of support ootside his home by right-wing activists obviously warmed his heart, as evidenced by the fact that he and his wife, Sara, against the better judgment of their bodyguards, went out to shake the demonstrators' hands. If that little episode had the bodyguards littery, what ensued in the evening was a bodyguard's nightmare. The Netanyahus, together with their older son Yair, attended Simhat Torah services at the small and overcrowded Hovevei Zion synagogue, where the PM was honored with the first round of dancing with the Torah. The bodyguards

had no choice but to get into the circle, flanking the boss on all sides. Unlike their colleagues out-side the building, they didn't brandish their guns. The PM subsequently stood on the bima, watching the dancing and shaking hands with numerous congregants who pushed their way through to greet him. At one time, he wanted to get back into the fray but just as he was about to move off the step, a bodyguard physically pulled him back. Sara Netanyahu, standing in the center of the women's section alongside Hadassah Neemau, wife of the finance minister, kept gesturing to the PM to pick up Yair and hoist him on his shoulders, but neither Yair nor the bodyguards were in favor of the idea. Gazing upwards, the PM held out his hands and shrugged. His wife smiled. For a brief moment, they



Nagwa Bassiouny stands by her man.

BECAUSE Hovevei Zion is an Orthodox congregation, there were no press photographers on hand. In fact, judging by the coverage in all the major dailies, the press photographers had converged on the Beit Daniel Reform Synagogue in Tel Aviv, where inter alia they caught Canadian ambassador David Berger wreathed in smiles and dancing with the Torah. His mood was nowhere near as bright two weeks earlier when Canada and Israel were at odds over the use of forged Canadian passports by Mossad agents operating in

EACH of the bundreds of people who turned up at Meor Modi'im for the second annual Spirit of Shlomo Carlebach music festival and arts and crafts fair was welcome, but none more so than Noam Rozenman, one of the teenagers seriously injured in last month's terrorist attack on Jerusalem's Ben-Yehuda mall. Personal friends and devoted fans. of the late singing rabbi, the Rozenmans arranged a brief therapeutic furlough from Hadassah for Noam, who was taken to the festival by his father, Zvi. Carlebach's music has been an important factor in Noam's recovery process, and as soon as he regained the use of his fingers, he began strumming Carlebach tunes on his guitar. The Carlebach festival was an added contribution to Noam's welfare. He was transferred on the eve of Simhat Torah to the hospital's outparient department. Also present at the festival, which happened to fall on Carlebach's birthday, was his younger daughter Dari, a bodding photographer now studying at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem.

will enhance the harmony of the huffet dinner which Swiss Ambassador Pierre Monod and his wife, Ninette, are hosting at their home at the end of the month. The guest list is made up largely of members of the diplomatic corps, most of whom are already Monods, who are avid fans, hope to introduce the ICO to those of heard the musicians play. The program, which includes compositions by Mozart, Schubert and Claude Bolling, will be presented by Michael Weintraub, Elinbu Shulman, Gad Lewertoff, Emanuel Gruber, Orit Zelniker, Gonen Rosenberg and Idith Zvi playing flute, violin, viola, cello, double bass, drum set and piano, respectively.

WORKING at and for Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital is a Bendheim family tradition. The late New York philanthropist Charles Bendheim, who died earlier this year at the age of 80, chaired the hospital's international board for many years and used to visit the wards regularly. His daughter, Judy Guedalia, is a veteran social worker in the hospital's emergency room. Miriam Eisenberg, the 18-year-old daughter of Charles Bendheim's daughter Debbie Eisenberg and her husband, Barry, is currently doing her national service at the bospital. Her initiation into the job was horrendous: the triple terrorisa bombing in Jerusalem's Ben-Yehuda mall. Now Jack Bendheim, another of Charles's offspring, serves as chairman of the bospital board.

Miriam spoke about her grandfather at last week's gala dinner for Shaare Zedek at the King David Hotel. Proceeds from the event will belp improve the facilities of the emergency room. Hospital director-general Prof. Jonathan Halevy announced that the ninth-floor mother-and-child center now under construction will be named for Charles Bendheim. The event also honored Dr. Zerah Warhaftig, the longtime leader of the National Religious, Party and predecessor, Hapoel Hamizrahi. Warhaftig, who helped

rescue 6,000 Holocaust survivors from Germany and took them to China and Japan and initiated the founding of Yesbivat Kerem Be' Yavne, was one of the signato-ries in 1948 of Israel's declaration of independence. WHETHER Egyptian ambassador

Mohammed Bassiouny attempted to engage in navel exercises who filed a sexual assault charge against him, will remain a matter of conjecture. Conflicting media reports will keep the gossip mongers guessing, but what will emerge from the messy and diplomanically embarrassing business is a fresh surge of affection for the ambassador's exceedingly popular wife. Throughout the two-month ordeal during which the matter was under investigation, the Bassiounys kept a high social profile, but Nagwa Bassiouny appeared to be more supportive of her busband than usual. Although the two frequently float off in different directions at social events, she has spent much more time at his side, often with her arm linked through his. - Sometimes she's taken him away from the crowd to talk to him earnestly for a few moments before being swept into another round of bright smiles, bandshakes, embraces and kisses past both cheeks. Her conduct has not gone unnoticed and has earned ber high marks in her ever-widening circle of friends.

HUNGARIAN ambassador Istvan Csejtei and his wife, Ildiko, invited so many hundreds of people to their Herzliya Pituah home to celebrate Hungarian National Day commemorating the 41st anniversary of the 1956 revolution that they had to have two sessions to accommodate all their guests. While they occasionally ran out of space, there was no shortage of food and drink.



Whoopi Goldberg's life is now an open Book.

FREQUENTLY stumped to remember the title of a book she's looking for, Whoopi Goldberg decided to make life easy for anyone checking the book stores for a copy of her newly released autobiography. She called it Book. Now that's an easy one to remember. Then again, maybe oot. It's so



In the Navy, boot camp is not as bad as it used to be.

(Debbi Cooper)

Boot camp lite

By PAUL RICHTER

ecruits who stepped out of line at the Navy's boot camp at the Great Lakes naval base in Illinois, used to find the reaction swift and rough: a good tongue-lashing from the instructor, lots and lots of pushups and occasionally a special humiliation, such as a lap around the base with a pair of underpants flapping from their beads.

But that's not what Travis Bullard found when the Navy recently decided he needed some extra motivation. He was packed off to a "personal applied skills" class, where he was offered emotional support, instructed on deep breathing and stress reduction and given a chance to explore his feelings by pasting cut-out magazine photos on a piece of cardboard. "These instructors, it turns out

they're really nice guys," says Bullard, a gentle, gangling 20year-old from tiny Hackett, Ark. Welcome to the boot camp of the 1990s. As memories of Cold War foes and foxholes fade, the military is stripping away the sharp edges and hard knocks from this

fabled test of manhood. Profanity, rough handling and embarrassment of recruits are strictly forbidden; confidencee, teamwork and munia support are the order of the day. Marches with heavy packs and hand-to-hand combat training are giving way to instruction on personal values, rape prevention and

technical training. No longer do instructors follow the time-honored doctrine of using fear and intimidation to break down recruits and rebuild them to provide unquestioning obedience. Now, as Army regulations put it. the goal is to honor "the dignity and respect of the individual." Troops are encouraged to question authority - up to a point, anyway in keeping with a philosophy that may owe as much to corporate employee-training guides as to the Napoleonic field manual.

The Pentagon believes the new approach is the best way to turn a balky, rarely spanked generation into volunteer "warrior technicians" who may well need to know more about complex electronic equipment than foxhole survival.

The military brass insists that boot camp is just as challenging as ever, but in different ways. Physical demands may be lighter, but mental requirements are far greater. Recruits are taught how to think and solve problems, and how to deal with the emotional problems that in the past drove recruits away, or in rare cases - to

The physical demands have been changed, military leaders say, to avoid injuries, and because the military's physiologists believe that too much workout in the relatively brief span of a boot camp will punish their bodies without really making them stronger.

Officers point out, too, that boot camp is only the first stop in the troops' training, and is followed by more advanced instruction in physical and technical skills.

But critics - including some senior officers, old-school noncommissioned officers and even some of the recruits then selves wonder if "boot camp lite" is preparing the troops for the ugly, old-style combat that still may spoil the nation's end-of-century

Some critics believe a major reason for the change is a desire to attract and keep more women - an assertion the brass denies. And some traditionalists see the revisions as part of a broader and dangerous drift toward a more comfy, "civilianized" military culture at a moment when the armed forces don't face the imminent threat of war, but are under pressure to attract and keep volunteers.

"The training ought to be tough, so if we send kids to Bosnia they their colleagues who have not yet obvious, it may prove to be clusive. can take anything." says Staff Sgr. Daniel Jackson, a drill instructor at Fort Knox, Ky., home of the Army's armored forces. "I'm not sure all the kids I send to graduation should be crossing that stage." The issue bas stirred enough debate that a congressional panel is looking into it. Even the Army's house organ, Soldiers magazine, recently asked: "Has basic training gone soft?"

Not long ago, the recruit asking wby he had been ordered to perform some task would be told, fortissimo: "Because I said sol" Now instructors are to explain the rationale behind each order, so recruits learn to think and understand and

carry on willingly.
"They've always got a question," sighs Chief Petty Officer 1st

Profanity, rough handling and embarrassment of recruits are strictly forbidden; confidence-building, teamwork and mutual support are the order of the day.

Class Garry McClure. "Whatever it is, they want to discuss it and discuss it some more." Not surprisingly, some drill instructors are chafing.

"The Dis feel almost handcuffed, like they can't do anything," says Command Sgt. Maj. William H. Brooks Jr., who oversees dozens of drill instructors at Fort Knox.

Great Lakes' hoor camp commander, Capt. Cory D. Whitehead, sent 31 instructors packing last year because she didn't think they were properly adjusting to the new order. Now officers at the boor camp roam the base watching for DIs' infractions. To curtail possible mistreatment or sexual harassment - a major problem in the military today - drill instructors work in glass-windowed offices so their behavior can be observed.

The Dl of the '90s serves as counselor as much as disciplinarian - talking to recruits about military issues, careers and matters of the heart. Navy boot camp instructors say they spend hours each day dispensing advice to the curious, confused, homesick and lovelorn.

The Navy used to frighten recruits on arrival day with boldlettered signs threatening that they could be jailed for up to five years, and fined up to \$10,000, if they didn't disclose past behavior that might disqualify them for service. The signs are gone.

Now, the Navy and the Air Force give recruits a special "Recruit Bill of Rights" card assuring them of the organization's concern for their well-being, and telling them who to complain to if they feel they've been a target of sexual harassment, discrimination or other mistreatment.

In the Navy, trainees who can't follow orders, control their temper or get along with people of different gender or race are sent to the one-week "personal applied skills" program. The course. developed by a corporate consultant, has handled about 600 recruits since it began a year ago, and 99 percent of them were fun-

neled back to finish boot camp. The physical demands at those camps also are not what they used to be. Uncomfortable combat boots and stiff uniforms have given way to athletic shoes and light conon sweat clothes.

At Fort Knox, recruits once marched in formation from spot to spot, but now pile on buses to be carried between training locations. Hand-to-hand combat training has been scaled back to a single four-hour class where soldiers simulate martial-arts moves, rather than land blows that might injure them. At Navy boot camps, the grind-

ing regimen of marching, push-ups and rifle drills is gone. The heavy rifles were packed away last year, marching has been cut to four miles a day, and the workour routine is three balf-hour outings each week. Recruits spend more than 40 hours some weeks in lecture-hall

settings, and many more hours in hands-on training in such areas as firefighting and basic nautical skills. If this makes them less rugged than their predecessors, the leadership says that the challenges they

will face are far different from

those of recruits in years past. On the older generation of Navy destroyers, 40 percent of the crew was devoted to grinding labor. They needed to be obedient and brawny, but their jobs didn't require a lot of initiative. On the latest ships only about 10 percent carry out this kind of labor, while the remainder have assigned more mentally demand-

ing tasks. Training officials point out, too, that bool camp is not the end, but the beginning, of the recruit's military education. Troops get a lot more lechnical training in advanced courses, and those who are likely to go into combat are prepared with instruction to sharptheir fighting skill endurance.

Some members of Congress have been registering concerns about the new boot camp. Rep. Stephen E. Buyer, R-Ind., chairman of the House National Security Committee's personnel subcommittee, has pushed Congress to investigate the question more closely after a tour of training centers this year in which he found a "loss of warrior spirit and esprit' that was disappointing to me. Military offi-cials say there's been no higher post-training washout rate or other indication that boot camp hasn't prepared recruits properly. But some crinics say the shortcomings might not be apparent until a later, critical moment.

"I would trust my life to people who were trained the old way,' said Chief Petty Officer Brinley Billings, a Great Lakes instructor. "But we won't know how the new system works for years, until these kids are out in the fleet." (Los Angeles Times)

From spree to shining spree

vacations. This autumn, they devised a trip that eliminates all those pesky, unnecessary elements of international travel and allow you lo get right to the point.

I mean, how many times have you gone to London and asked yourself, Do I really have to wander around this city and look at all those boring old art and history museums? After all, we've got lots of old stuff in

Plenty of pretty pictures, too. This I could do at home. Castles? Well, I can always go

check out the big mansions in Savyon or Kfar Shmaryahu. Almost the same thing. And the women in these ritzy neighborhoods tend to wear so much jewelry, there's no reason to shlep to the Tower of London to see the crown jewels, either.

Theater is all well and good, but after all, in London, you gotta watch it in

English. Why not just wait for Habimah or the Cameri to come out with the same production in Hebrew, or see it at Gesher with a Russian accent? As for dining, well, we've got McDonald's in Israel now, so there's no reason to fly to London anymore to eat a hamburger. And let's face it, British cuisine is nothing to write home about anyway. Fish and chips? Yorkshire pudding? Giving it up is no big sacrifice.

eave it to El Al to come shot at the starting gate: the up with the most Israeli beginning of a breathless marathon up and down the aisles of Marks and Spencer and Harrods, buying the stores np - with no time to eat or rest until the shops close at 6.

According to the woman who took the trip, the group tends to stick close to one another in the stores. Why? "Well, there's a lot of competition. People like to look at what everybody else is huying and see who got the best bargain." One has to pity the poor sales clerks.

Then, afterwards, to leisurely dinner, no show, no relaxing in the hotel, no people-watching in



you're lucky, and then head back to the airport to catch a midnight flight to the Holy Land, dragging your bag with you.
Then you are back at Ben-

Gurion airport, where the customs agents are just waiting for you, rubbing their hands with anticipation.

Would I go on such a trip? I don't know. The whole thing sounds like an exercise in exhaustion to me. If I rose at the bour required to catch a 6 a.m. flight, I would probably be found sound asleep in the dressing room of one of the Oxford Street department stores. Some

El Al flies you out of Ben-Gurion Alrport at the crack of dawn, gives you a huge shopping bag as you step off the plane, and delivers you ~ plunk – in the middle of Oxford Street ready to start spending money by 8 a.m.

tant to the Israeli traveler, El Al boiled a typical Israeli visit to London down to its most basic element: a frenzied one-day shopping orgy. It reminds me of a TV show in the United States where they put contestants in a grocery store and gave them exactly two minutes to run through the store, stuffing as many products as possible into their shopping cart.
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Gurioo Airport at the crack of dawn, gives you a huge shopping bag as you step off the plane, and delivers you - plunk - in the middle of Oxford Street ready to start spending money by 8 a.m. Now, as one woman who

took the trip said, most stores don't open until nine or ten, so for the first hour one looks like a homeless person, wandering aimlessly around the street dragging a suitcase. The opening of the stores must be like a

So, realizing that none of the poor El Al employee would have haul me back to the plane.

And nine hours of shopping? My feet start to ache after just two or three - and that's after I've had a full night's sleep. But for inveterate shoppers,

particularly those who have very little vacation time, it's really not such a bad idea. Probably, if one shopped correctly, one could save enough money to justify the \$330 airfare. Now you could argue that it

would take a lot less time and bassle to simply pay more money for various products and buy them here in Israel. But then when someone complimented you on your outfit, you couldn't casually respond with, "Oh, this thing? I picked it up in London last week. It caught my eye on Oxford Street and I just had to have it."

After all, isn't the ability to make that kind of remark what travel is all about?

Long-distance love meets reality

Ruthie Blum

ear Ruthie My Isroeli boyfriend ond I have been involved in o long-distance relationship for the past three years. We met while he was on a trip to tribute to your learning the language - at least not the US, and we have been writing to each other, talking on the phone ond visiting

one onother since then regularly. I finally decided to come to Isroel for o year to see whether we are really compatible. I took o leave of absence from my job. and moved to Eilat, where my boyfriend runs o business. I have been here for about three months now, and things are not going as well as I'd expected. Not knowing the language, I have not been able to find proper employment. My boyfriend is very busy with his work. I find myself extremely bored, and basically living in o peculiar

state of limbo. I have left everything

behind, and yet I don't seem to hove any-

thing here - except for him - to keep me

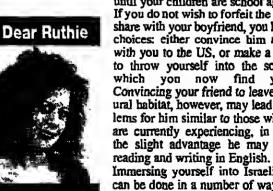
occupied or interested. My boyfriend wants us to get married as soon as I make up my nund. But I don't know how to do that, I love him, but I om not ot oll sure that I can live this way. He says that once we start hoving children, I will have something important to occupy myself with. But I have always been an independent woman, and this doesn't sound inviting. I mean, I want to hove children, but I don't want them to be my sole reason for getting up in the morning.

On the other hand, I know that if I return home, I will miss him terribly, as I have for all of these years. Whot can I do? In Love and at a Loss

Dear Eilat at a Loss,

While having children may alleviate your sense of being unsenled somewhat, it is not likely to cure your editors@jpost.co.il

boredom. On the contrary, caring for a baby all day can give even the most self-sufficient mother the sense that she is alone on the planet. Nor will it con-



until your children are school age. If you do not wish to forfeit the love you share with your boyfriend, you have two choices: either convince him to remm with you to the US, or make a decision to throw yourself into the society to which you now find yourself. Convincing your friend to leave his natural habitat, however, may lead to problems for him similar to those which you are currently experiencing, in spite of the slight advantage he may have of

Immersing yourself into Israeli culture can be done in a number of ways. First, you can enroll in Hebrew classes, and consider this your "job" for the time

being. This would at least give you a sense of purpose, and contribute to your ability to communicate with non-English speakers. It will also prepare you for any employment you later seek. Above all, it will give you time to live in the company of your boyfriend on a daily basis, so you can find out if marrying him is what you really want. Perhaps you will discover that your romance was only good when it was conducted long-distance. Or, conversely, maybe you will find yourself ready and willing to tie

the proverbial knot. Keep in mind that either discovery on your part will be beneficial with regard to making a decision based on something other than gut feelings.

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Acre: Parting from the fringe

By HELEN KAYE

xcept for the rain, nothing unseemly happened Festival this year. Even Ehud Barak's presence at one of the plays caused no more than a little flutter. It was all as geoteel as a tea party.

That was the trouble. Acre is

supposed to go out on that limb, or try to. That's wby Oded Kottler established the festival 18 years ago. It's full name is the Festival of Alternative Theater; alternative as in different, explorative, in-your-face politically and theatrically. This year there wasn't even a murmur of politics, a whisper of contro-

Acre was also conceived as a showcase for young talent. The competition prizes this year all went to established stars and although there is a young talent framework (The Hamamma), it's oot very different from the veterans.

drama about the dangers of myth makes no attempt at

Yosef Carmon is a fine actor, hut as a director he bas a lot to learn. He directed POW (Shavui) by Yossi Hadar, forgetting that to act means to do. The trouble with acting emotions is that immediacy gets lost and the audience becomes a voyeur at best.

The play, a poor Pirandello forgery, tells the same story of a POW's disappearance into and return from a Syrian prison, from two couples' point of view. The play whines and so do the actors, giving sucb self-indulgent performances that one actor actually

Another poor play was Artan which, nonetheless, won Best Play for its author, Daniella Carmi. Poor, becaose although, like a Chekhov play, Artan is built on a series of changing circumstances; unlike Chekhov, it has no



Ofra Levy's 'Tales of Tonglan' explores the human soul.

The shows at Acre were designed to be experienced in the extraordinary spaces of the Crusader castle. Today it's the rare show that doesn't have LBA (Life Beyond Acre), and you'll be able to see most of them at the Fringe Center in Tel Aviv or at the repertory

The one show that at least the limb was choreographer Ofra Levy's Tales of Tonglan, which won bonorable meotion in the Best Production category. Hers is a straight dancetheater piece, spare, poetic and demanding. It uses two actors, to inquire into the nature of mercy, to show the frailty of the fleshly envelope and the

soul inside it. The Best Production winner at the festival was The Alley of White Chairs by Gabi Eldor and Igal Ezrati, who bave worked together for many years. Like the house in Gilles Maheu's Dead Souls at this year's Israel Festival, the Jaffa "alleyway" was the hackdrop for interlocking stories, a Romeo-and-Juliet love story between two feuding families, the return from Jordan of an Arab who had fled the house in '48 and so on. But whereas Maheu's bouse was a character in the lives of its itinerant dwellers, Eldor and Ezrati turn their alleyway into merely a

White Chairs is more than just a story. It's a metaphor for Arab-Jewish and Jewisb-Jewish relatioos. It is no coincidence that the fruited orange tree central to the set hangs upside down. The show is wonderful theater with passionate performances and striking visual and aural effects, especially the reiterated, rhythmical shaking of flat trays of rice.

venue, which is a pity.

"I mostly cut," said Best Director Zaharira Harifa'i of her work on Fragments (Resissim). Sensibly she lets the text do the work, and the actors concentrate on bringing it to the audience without much explanation. The death of a child is idiotic, whether as a hero in action or from a selfinflicted wound, and Ephraim

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internal logic to bind it.
The play features the ebh and flow of interdependencies between two womeo, both former patieots, locked in the storeroom of a meotal institution for the night. However,

Artan is saved by Revital Eytan's well-paced and intelligent direction, hy good acting from Regine Shushan-Tchitiat, shinnled up the trunk toward and superb characterization from Best Actress Ofra Among the young artists in

the Hamamma (Hothouse)

section, there is an exciting find called called Oren Lavi, the writer, composer and Wheel, a musical about the emotional growth of a young paraplegic that won its creator Best Productioo, as did a cbeeky satire on self-fulfilling prophecy (or what bred Rahin's murder), called Stepan for its writer and director Roni

Katorina, hy and starring Idit Zur, based on the oovel of that came by Aharon Appelfeld, would have worked better had Zur and director Gideon Shemer uoderstood that the conflict is one of faith. both Christian and Jewisb. Lallo, a tacky sex farce by Esteban Gottfried, despite some marvelous performances, doesn't even belong

And yet, accidentally I'm sure, the Acre plays, almost all of which dealt directly or indirectly with death and/or the media, seemed to indicate their creators' deep disillusionment with the present, the pain of betrayals, and even fear that the old Israeli mantra "Yihye beseder" ("it'll be all right") won't work any more.

Perhaps that's why artistic director Itzik Weingarten, who won't head the festival next year, was so pleased with it. The other major winners were: Best Actor, Shraga

Harpaz (Frogments); David Kigler (Lallo), set design; Lily Ben-Nahshon (Katarina), lighting; Phyllis Ross (POW). costume; Rakefet Levy (Stor) of Tonglon), music; Samar Azar, Yuval Messner, Shosh Reisemann (Alley of White

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Sex, 'Rope' and rock & roll

By DAYID BRINN

There basn't been anybody since Prince who makes R&B as sizzlingly sensual as Janet Jackson on The Velvet

Rape.
Ostensibly a self-help encounter weekend set to music, The Velvet Rope is a metaphor for the internal barriers people erect to hide their true selves. Jackson's message seems to be "free your body and your mind will follow."

She transmits this message in a two-pronged attack: an almost nonstop barrage of groove-laden dance music that defies listeners to stay seated, and a healthy fixation with sex.

At least half of the songs on this sprawling 77-minute tour de force deal with matters of pleasure, ranging from playful masturbatory interludes to more serious ropetying fantasies. But what could be reduced to

sleazy Penthouse material is rescued by Jackson and collaborators Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis's

unadulterated pop vision.

They achieve the nearly impossihle task of making Joni Mitchell sound soulful hy sampling "Big Yellow Taxi" oo the rap-and-roll single "Got 'Til It's Done." Elsewhere, Jackson enters Alanis

THE VELVET ROPE

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Morrisette territory for the scalding tirade against a cheating exlover on "What About." The antihomophohic scorcher "Free Xooe" is the standout dance track, replete with perfectly placed sam-ples of Archie Bell & The Drell's classic "Tighten Up."
There are plenty of G-rated

soogs, where Jackson attempts an emotiooal catharsis hut only manages to come up with lines like "We all have the need to feel spe-

The pop ballads, while bead and shoulders above Whitney and Mariah, often sound sweet and sappy next to the sass Jacksoo generates oo the steamier tracks. It's evident from The Velvet Rope that when it comes to late 90s mastery of dance that makes you think, Janet is the

Jackson who sets the standard.

BJORK is one artist who deserves the label "alternative." Utilizing a virtual kitcheo sink of effects like a foghorn and a martial military beat, the one-time singer for The Sugarcubes proves on her third



solo album, Homogenic, that she marches to her own drum. Dark, dense and swirling. Bjork's soogs oeither begin nor

They just emerge from the oggy shadows and retreat from whence they came.

She sings the tunes in her belllike voice like she's reading a poem on a smoke-filled beatnik club stage, exaggerating words and accentuating the unexpected.

Her knack is making the inaccessible accessible. Most of the songs lack traditional pop structure, instead relying on a combination of free-form jazz influences and electronic blips which lend a fitting austerity to Bjork's minimalist and often humorous

could organize freedom. How Scandinavian of me."

TURN the drum machine on slow, take a valium and watch James Bond in Goldfinger for musical inspiration. That seems to be the recipe for Portishead's self-titled

Following a highly acclaimed debut Dummy in 1994, which set the tone for much of today's tripbop, this follow-up reveals a onesong band mired in claustropbo-

same bored, detached vocals of Beth Gibbons which sound like they're funneled through a megaphone, and the same '60s spy-film orientation make listening to Portishead an exercise endurance.

Even 007 would have taken his hidden cyanide pill.

Serene

CONCERT ROUNDUP

Mozart, powerful Mahler

n a long but fulfilling evening of music-making, the IPO played superbly under the haton of Zubin Mehta. But Mahler's Ninth Symphony can maintain an entire program and should not be coupled with another piece.
Solo violinist Midori's rendition

of Mozart's Third Violin Concerto was captivating. Hers was a

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serene, yet lyrically sad reading. Midori showed grace, depth, senstivity and sincerity in her playing particularly in the middle (slow movement.

Many tend to play Mozart in a vivacious, even lighthearted manner. But Midori opted for a purez, warm and poetic interpretation. This was Mozart at its captivating

An impressive reading of Mahler's last completed symphooy, showcased the IPO'a first-rate strings. In Mehta's reading the enormous power of the music came through in a most exciting and revealing way.

Michael Ajzenstadt

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lected 5.

THE programming of this year's Abu Ghosh Festival was most intriguing. But two of the festival's concerts suggested that the program alone is oot a guarantee of a success. In separate performances, Ra'anana Symphonette Orcbestra accompanied two local choirs in two major, though seldom performed, choral works. But while the performance of the Cherubini Requiem was magical, that of Puccini's Messa di Gloria was so bad it was annoying. Both coocerts were played in front of a church packed with eothusiastic music lovers who never ceased to appland. Both featured the same orchestra hut the difference was in the conductor and the choir he

brought with him.

Michael Shani led his Tel Aviv
Chamber Choir in a penetrating and riveting renditioo of the Cherubini C minor Requiem. He managed to create the right balance between orchestra and choir, and under his direction the choir projected with ease and charm one of

> at the Abu Ghosh Festival, October 23, 24

the gems of the choral repertoire. The performance showcased the choir at its best a cobesive ensemble which is versatile enough to sing a large varied repertoire in a most attractive manner. And under Shani the orchestra presented a more than adequate reading of the score. In short it was a glorious concert of choral music.

But when Yuval Ben-Ozer mounted the podium to perform Puccini's Messa di Gloria with the Philharmonia Singers, all was amiss. This beautiful gem by a young Puccini was presented in a harsh, obtrusive reading that showed total disrespect for the music and a lack of understanding of its style. Ben-Ozer controlled neither orchestra nor chorus. The orchestra, which had sounded near perfect under Shani, here was so bad it was embarrassing; the choir was out of balance and out of tune. Michael Aizenstadt

DIE Schone Müllerin" by Schubert is a simple story of yearning, hope, hrief bappiness and rejected love. It flows and rushes like a stream, along which it all happens. It is the stream, the merry and knowing companion, which leads a young boy to a beautiful miller-maid; it is the stream, to which he confides his feelings, and which gives him last refuge when he commits suicide,

Wolfgang Holzmair has a fine baritone, his articulation is clear, the phrasing natural and the performance, on the whole, meticulously polished. His singing has vastly improved in the last two years since his appearance at the Israel Festival.

But Holzmair's musicianship is so introverted, his artistry is so

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reserved that he almost never allows himself an outburst of emotions. What a pity. Holzmair's Müllerin was a peaceful creek, rather than a lively brook, reflecting the everehanging mood of the 20 linle gems of Schubert's song

Imogen Cooper at the piano produced n tender support for the soloist; her playing suited Holzmair's style to perfection. But neither presented the audience with the sparkle for which it longed so

West End's regards from Broadway

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

The Phantom of the Opera, Miss Saigon, Sunset Boulevard, Cots, Chess, Oliver, My Fair Lady. The names themselves can seed shivers down the spine of anyone who is infatuated with the genre of the Broadway and (London) West End musical. But Israelis wbo enjoy the marvels of the musical usually have to travel abroad to see full-fledged musicals on the stage. Here in Israel, many musicals have been presented in recent years, but spectacular productions of American and British musicals have yet to reach us.

For those willing to enjoy a first-rate substitute, the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra offers West End: The Concert, a scintillatiog evening of the greatest hits of the musicals, performed by four sioging actors who grace the stages of the West End on a regu-

West End: The Concert is oot just the name of the upcoming JSO evening, it is also the name of the company inaugurated three years ago by producer Gary Brown and conductor Martin Yates. The first performance of West End: The Concert took place with the Royal Scottish National Orchestra and since then they have performed with orchestras all over Europe, as well as recording an exciting disc on the TER label,

with Volume 2 coming out shortly. The idea of West End: The Concert is simple and effective. Yates brings with him four singers (two males and two females), and together they revel in presenting an evening of musical show hits.

The upcoming concerts in Jerusalem feature West End: The Concert veterans Kim Criswell, known for her great performances on stage and disc of Annie Oakley in Annie Get Your Gun; and James Graeme, who has performed the title role in The Phantom of the Opera and is cur-





Kim Criswell is a veteran of West End: The Concert, which was inaugurated by Martin Yates.

rently playing Pontius Pilate in the new production of Jesus Christ Superstar in London's West End. They are joined hy Andrew Halliday, whose West End credits include Raoul in The Phantom of the Opero, Stein in City of Angels and Munkestrap in Cars, as well as Deborah Myers, who has sung Julie Jordan in Carousel and Tuptim in The King

The Jerusalem premiere of West End: The Concert is the opening concert of the JSO Popular Classics, a new series aimed at drawing new and younger audiences to the concert hall, featuring film music, popular Russian music, an evening of Viennese waltzes, and a program of Gersbwin among others.

Opening such a series with

bighlights from the world of the musical sounds very promising. After all, it is a gente enjoyed by many who do not frequent the concert hall that often. At the same time, there is much in common between the musical and the opera, whether fans of either genre are aware of it or not.

The upcoming concert is an attempt to find out more about the vonderful world of the musical and to realize that it is one of the greatest forms of entertainment. In effect, it is the opera of our time. After all, today's leading opera stars sing selections from musicals on a regular basis, if not on stage then at least on disc.

And today's musicals are usually sung through, as if they were operas. These musicals are often hased on the operas of the past

and use a form of operatic language, albeit clad in a more popular music style. Les Miserables and The Phantom of the Opera, for example, are two of the most popular operas of the day. Like all forms of entertainment

in the MTV age, the musical is also searching for its identity. At times this search is more successful than at others, but on the whole there is no doubt that the musicals of today are operatic in scope and style and require performers who are versaille in aciing, dancing, and singing in both classical and popular modes.

West End: The Concert is present. ed tomorraw of the Sherover Theater in Jerusalem and on Thursday at the Jerusolem International Convention Center,

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ENGLISH THEATER

HELEN KAYE

The last performance in English and Hebrew

of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream

performed by the Sharon Players, the Ra'anana

Choir and dancers, all directed by Maxine Ray.

Tonight at Yad Lebanim in Ra'anans at 8:30

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

The Tel Aviv Museum Rush-hour Concert

series opens this evening (6) with oboists Dudu

Carmel and Joel Lifshitz, bassoonist Maurizio

Paez, and harpsichordist Shalev Ad-El playing

sonatas and trio sonatas by Handel and Zelenka.

The Israel Museum Jerusalem Music in the

Galleries program features this evening (6) violin-

ist Yehuda Ben-Ari, violist Alexander Tomarinson

and cellist Boris Michanovsky at the Impressionist

The Kibbutz Chamber Orchestra, conducted

by Doron Solomon, performs Rossini's Stabat

Mater, with soloists including Israeli soprano

Sharon Rostorf, Tonight in Kimaron, Beit

She'an; tomorrow in Megiddo; Thursday in

Nahariya (8:30). The program also features

TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

There have been 17 movies made with Ian

Fleming's character James Bond, the British

secret agent 007. James Bond is probably cine-

ma's most popular hero. The lifestyle and the

gadgetry Bond displayed on the silver screen

have become the fashion over the years.

Channel 1 bas acquired every one of the films

and will be airing them in chronological order

on Tuesday nights, beginning tonight at 10 with

Sean Connery, as Bond, is sent to Jamaica to

investigate the death of a British agent and dis-

covers that a mysterious scientist named Dr. No

has built a secret laboratory on a neighboring

island and is nursing megalomaniacal plans to

Gallery. Free with museum admission.

Bizet's L'arlesienne suite.

take over the world.

ACROSS .

1 Learn a craft? He'e bound

9 Arab prince recalls Ancient Mariner's story (4)

10 The scale of EEC trading

11 Arrive to put a map away?

12 Measenger has a job

15 Belt on smart bluebottle (7)

16 Give up interest in shares

17 Securea inconclusive results (4)

18 The charge is about right, but you don't have to pay

21 Smarter French painter (7)

19 Legal actions? (5)

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20:10 The Nature of Things 21:00 News in 8:30 News flash 8:31 News in Arabic English 21:30 West Beach 6:45 Good Morning

22:15 Mini series **EDUCATIONALTY** MIDDLE EAST TV

8:00 On computers 7:00 TV Shop and Internet 8:30 Art Workshot 9:00 Science and 18:00 Larry King 17:00 Arthur 17:25 Madeline 17:45 Babar 10:00 For the very young 11:00 English 12:00 French 12:30 Science and Technology 13:00 Geography

13:30 Cartoons 15:00 Autoto ■ CHANNEL 1

Sean Connery can be seen as 007 in 'Dr. No.'

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

*** THE PEACEMAKER - In its

unabashedly formulaic and commercial way, this

first film by the DreamWorks studio is an enter-

taining bit of pseudo-realistic escapism. The movie

stars George Clooney and Nicole Kidman as an

intelligence officer in the US Army's Special

Forces and a White House nuclear expert, respec-

tively, hot on the trail of a batch of stolen nuclear

warheads being smuggled through Eastern Europe

toward some unknown terrorist target. Directed by

Mimi Leder, who got her start behind the camera

on ER, the picture blends action and emotion in

careful measure and with more than a few tricks

borrowed from that successful TV show. To her

credit, Leder seems more interested in continuous

motion than she does in violence per se. The movie

has its fair share of high-speed car chases, sudden shoot-outs and late-night train hijackings, although

for the most part she prefers to steer our gaze away

from the really grizzly stuff and cut to what matters on a narrative level. With the Romanian actor

Marcel Iures as a surprisingly human bad guy.

(English dialogue with some Russian and Serbo-

Croatian. Hebrew subtitles. Children under 17 not

admitted without an adult.)

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

22 Listeners burning to get within hearing distance (7)

24 Place of secret laughter (6)

27 Transfix with aword in

28 A school setting the tone (4)

29 Club gete convict into hellish trouble (10)

DOWN

relationships (6)

country (4)

2 Look for exercise record (4)

3A trio's broken

4 Regularly late? Yet

sounding chivalrous (7)

5 Outbreak of rain in the

rehearsal (3-7)

(Universal Pictorial)

15:30 Pink Panther 15:55 Super Ben 16:00 Dennis and Gnasher 16:25 Super Ben 18:30 The Mask 16:59 A New Eveni 17:34 Zap to 1 18:05 Super Ben 18:15 News In

PROGRAMS 18:30 Apropo - current attairs

HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 News flash
19:31 Garfic, Pepper
and Olive Oil 20:00 News 20:50 Lotto draw 20:55 Mine Host Meni

Pe'er 22:00 Dr. No (1962) a British agent is mur-dered in Jamaica and James Bond is sent to investigate, With Sean Connery, Ursula Andress and Joseph Wiseman 23:45 News 00:00 Daily Verse

E CHANNEL 2

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the Beautiful 16:50 Different Driving 17:00 Five with Rati Reshel 17:30 Twenty Plus 18:00 Scandal - comedy in an investigative documentary format 19:00 Squad 132 20:00 News 20:31 IDF 1 21:05 Crime

Investigation - the public is asked to assist in solving crimes 22:05 Dan Shilon Live 00:00 News 00:05 Crime Investigation - contd. 00:25 Freddy's Dead: The Final Nightmare (1991) – last episode of of the Nightmare on Elm Street series 200 On the Edge of

the Shelf **JORDANTY** (unconfirmed) 13:00 Holy Koran 13:35 French programs 14:00 Square One TV 14:30 Doghouse

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14:30 Body Electric 15:00 Basic Training 15:30 The 700 Club 18:10 Beakman's 18:35 Saved by the 19:00 Showbiz 19:30 World News Tonight (Arabic) 20:00 Ed Sullivan 20:25 Acapulco Heat 21:15 Caught on

Camera 22:05 Never the Twain 22:30 World of Wonder 23:00 CNN News 23:30 The 700 Club CABLE

■ ITV 3 (33)

16:00 Cartoons 16:30 Carnoors
16:30 Forgot Myself

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17:30 Panel in Arabic
18:00 The Tyrant
19:00 News in Arabic
19:30 Doctors Talk 20:00 News 20:45 Kavanagh, Q.C. 22:00 Showcase 22:30 Telekassef

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Closet 20:00 A New Evening 20:30 Bridge Over Troubled Water Gnome 21:00 Mario Varga Llosa - portrait of the Peruvian novelist 22:00 Growing Old in a New Age 23:00 Onedin Line

FAMILY CHANNEL

7:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines (rpt) 7:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas 8:00 Sunset Beach 9-00 One Life to Live 9:45 The Young and the Restless 10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt) 11:15 Zingara (rpt) 12:00 Barnaby Jones 12:45 Due South 13:30 Frasier 14:00 Sunset Beach 14:50 Days of Our Lives 15:40 Ricki Lake (rpt) 18:30 Dulce Ana — new, highly popular soap opera from Argentina which fol-lows the life of Ana, a

woman under the influence of her power-hungry mother. 17:15 One Life to Live 18:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines: Demi Moore 18:30 Local Broadcast

19:00 The Young and the Restless 19:40 Beverly Hills 90210 20:25 Dreams of Youth - Israeli teen drama 20:50 Deep Blue

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MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

(1987) (rpt) 13:05 Seeing Stars 13:30 Shattered Slience (1992, rpt)

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E CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons 9:00 The Magic Schoolbus 9:30 Little Bear 10:10 Sonic 10:35 David the 12:35 Kirk

13:00 Animated 13:45 Celestine 14:35 Billy the Cat 15:05 Ninja Turtles

15:30 Bureau of Alien 18:05 Hillsida 18:35 Clarissa Explains Al 17:30 Hugo 8:00 Sweet Valley

18:30 Make Believe Close 19:00 Sonio 19:30 Helen and the 20:00 Three's Company 20:25 Married with

Children 20:45 Roseanne 21:20 Cosby Show 21:45 Different World # SECOND

SHOWING (6) 22:10 Black Moon (French, 1975) - surreal film by Louis Malle about a girl who

drives down a long dark road and witnesses very strange things 23:50 The Man with the Golden Arm (1955) – a then-dar-ing film about drug addiction by Otto Preminger. With Frank Sinatra,

PRIME News flash Garlic, Pepper and Olive Oil 19:30 News 20:00 11:30 Strange Voices

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15:10 For the Love of Aaron (1994) - a writer who has had a nervous breakdown refuses to cope with her problems until she is faced with the pos-sibility of losing her son. With Meredith 16:45 Perry Mason: The Poison Pen (1990) - a best-selling novelist is murdered. With Raymond Burn

18:20 Tom and Viv (1995) – the love story of T.S. Eliot and his mentally ill British wile. With Willem Dafoe and Miranda

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SUPERCHANNEL

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STAR SPORTS 6:00 Cricket Test Match - Pakistan vs. South Africa 9:00 Cricket Week 9:40 Cricket - contd. 14:00 Sports Unlimited

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STAR PLUS

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8:30 Fawity Towers 9:00 Nine to Five 9:30 The X-Files

10:30 The Bold and the Beautiful

11:00 Santa Barbara

12:00 WWF

CHANNEL 5

8:30 Bodies in Motion 18:00 Bodies in

16:30 Israeli Tennis 18:50 Volleyball 17:45 English Soccer

Golden Moments

19:55 South American Soccer

20:40 National League Basketball Live - Maccabi Rishon Lezion vs.

Maccahi Tel Aviv

22:45 Brazilian

EUROSPORT

Championships

World Series 18:00 ATP Tour

96 Euro

11:00 Soccer: Best of

13:00 Eurogoals
14:30 Soccer: Gillette
Dream Team
15:00 Supersports

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Ghana 8:35 Travelogue (rpl) 9:00 Cultural Cities of

Charles Wood about

the life of organist and composer Henry Purcell who was born the year Charles

Stuart became king 12:30 Mushroom

Magic, part 1 (rpt) 13:00 The Nature of Australia: The Making

15:00 Cricket Week 15:30 Free Climbing 16:30 Judo: Hyunda World Chamoio 18:30 Auto: Mobile Grand Prix 19:00 Auto: Formula 1 21:00 Cricket (rpt)

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Tim Sebastian 19:30 Airport (rpt) 20:00 The World

22:00 European News 23:30 Floyd on France 00:00 Newsdesk 19:30 Olympic Series: 2:05 Newsnight

Morning 8:30 Moneyline (rpt) 9:30 Olympic Magazine 10:00 Alpine Skiing 11:30 CNN

Newsroom 12:30 World Sport 13:30 American Edition 13:45 Q&A (rpt) 14:30 Computer Connection 15:15 News &

1:00 World View 2:30 Moneyline

RADIO M VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Schubert: Plano trio in E flat op 100; Purcell: Dido and Aeneas: Mozart: Symphony no 40; Allegri: Mass for 8 voices; Haydn: Divertimento in F 12:00 Light Classical brass bends play works by Bach, Grieg, Guarneri, Leoncavallo, Tchaikovsky, Smetana and Mussorgsky 13:00 Artist of the Week – soprano Cilla Grossmeyer. Reger; Songs for voice and plane, and

18:30 Correspondent Today 21:30 Hard Talk (rpt)

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Business Asia 16:00 Larry King Live 17:30 World Sport 18:30 Showbiz Today 19:30 Your Health

23:00 European News 23:30 Insight 00:00 World Business Today Update 00:30 World Sport

voice and organ, with Sara Fuxon-Heyman and Elisabeth Roloff; Schubert: Songs for soprano and guitar (with Yehuda Schreier); Telemann: Cantata for voice

Recording Studio -

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Sonata in E flat

D586: Menahem

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Haydn: Plano con

18:00 My Concert

with Zissy Stavi 18:00 New CDs - R.

Johnson and Others:

certo in D (with

JSO/Karlinger)

Emanuel Krasovsky,

and instrumental ensemble (with Israel Baroque Players) 14:08 Folk music women singers 15:00 From the

News through the day 7:00 CNN This Morning 7:30 Insight 8:00 CNN This

Morning 9:30 World Sport 10:30 Showbiz Today

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Oberon, the Tender Prince, Masque for Henry Prince of Wales: Quantz: Sonata In E flat for flute and basso-continuo; Barber: Violin concerto; Berlioz: Nuits d'élé 20:05 From the World's Concert Halla - (1) Bamberg Concerto. E.T.A In B flet minor for soloists, choir and orch; Hoffmann: Symphony In E flat. (2) Amedeus CO, soloisi Gary Karr. Grieg: Holberg Sulte; Bostini: Grand Duo Concertante

22:00 A Musical

Journey

MOVIES

20:30 The Ticket 21:00 Dateline

22:00 Tennis: Seat

Open 23:00 Tonight Show 00:00 Best of Late

SOLUTIONS

6 Gemstone—a dealer maybe holds a number (7)

7 Quite enough out of school

8 An early settlement (10)

12 Staggers, due to ill-fitting satin shoes (10)

13 Too far into no-man's land?

15 It cuts a dashing figure (5)

20 The case for school books

23 Train for Rugby, for

25 He's against the proposal

26 Eager to work in silver (4)

and ain't going to change!

19 Wastes the rewards (7)

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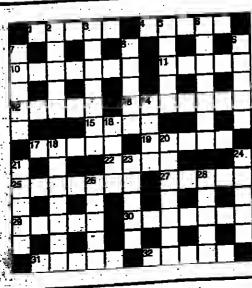
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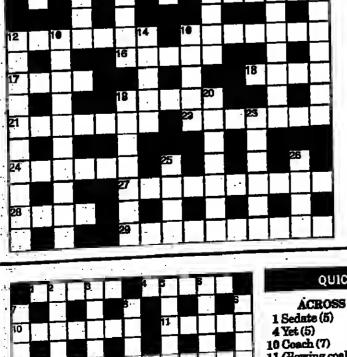
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Knesset opens with raucous session

By LIAT COLLINS

The Knesset opened yesterday in a camival atmosphere, despite calls by Speaker Dan Tichoo to preserve decorum and words from both sides on the need to unite.

The opening of the winter session - after a more than threemonth recess - was held in the presence of President Ezer Weizman and State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat. The government turned the vote on the prime minister's policy statement into a modon of confidence, to counter the calls by Meretz and Labor for a motion of no-confidence. The motion passed 44 to 36.

The Knesset also voted on a series of concluding statements by factioo heads. Haim Ramon

(Labor) later ridiculed Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and the ministers for blindly supporting the statement by Moleder leader Rebavam Ze'evi, which was voted down, which included motions to stop the Oslo process and remove the PLO. Netanyahu and several ministers also supported the concluding statement by the Third Way, which included a clause calling for a national unity

government Even before Netanyahu took the podiom, Haggai Merom (Labor) took the microphone on the floor to call on him to apologize for his statement that the "Left has forgotten what it is to be a Jew."

As Netanyahu started his

the people," and "I'm a proud

Netanyahu said he was "sorry for the twisted interpretation being giveo my words" and that he had not meant to question anybody's

Netanyaho called for a "political cease-fire" and said the country should look at the achievements of the past 50 years and to unite together with Diaspora Jewry.

He was constantly heckled and on several occasions accused of

In between the catcalls, Netanyahu tried to explain bis government's policy. He said the Palestinian Authority is still not fulfilling its obligations to fight speech, Labor MKs rose bearing terror and is using the "revolving placards saying: "Bibi is dividing door" system of arresting and

releasing terror suspects, allowing Hamas institutions to reopen; refusing to extradite wanted terrorists; and not canceling the Palestinian Covenant.

He called on the coalition to recognize the fact of the Oslo Accords, but stressed that peace depends oo the final arrangements. "Anyone who is not interested in a fast track to the permanent arrangements is testifying that he is oot interested in true peace but only in getting land and rights to serve as a tool to continue the struggle against us and pre-seot us with new demands," Netanyahu said. He added that Israel will oot agree to a

He said Israel wants peace "with those who recognize our need to

Palestinian state.

peace. We won't come and say: Take what you want.

Regarding Syria and Lebanon, we are interested in reaching a peace treaty based on true security arrangements. This means Syria will not be able to preserve its right to attack Israel under conditions of peace. The North and its water sources must be free of the threat of a surprise attack."

He said the country had inherited a serious budget deficit, bot for-

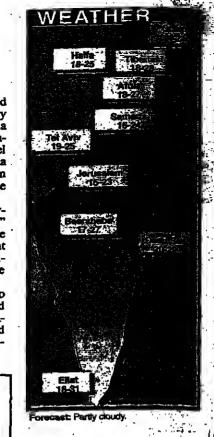
eign investments are flowing in. He ended his speech with a plea to the Reform and Conservative Jews "not to ignore the chance for this historic opportunity" to formulate a compromise on the religious issues.

In his speech, Barak stressed his

military past and accused Netanyahu of leading the country to war. Much of his speech was a personal attack on the prime minister. Science Minister Michael Eitan; Health Minister Yehoshua Matza, and Uzi Landau, chairman of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, mildly heckled him.

He described the change in government as "a political accident," albeit a democratic one. "The State of Israel deserves a different prime minister - more experienced, more responsible, more serious, and older," he said.

He said there are two options: to lead the country to peace and security or to be drawn into another war. Barak also accused Netanyahu of incitement and divi-



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Neeman said he objects to tax

PA arrests journalist after torture report

By STEVE RODAN

A Hebron-area journalist and human rights activist has been arrested by Palestinian Authority security agents, following publication of his story that quotes Harnas detainees describing the torture they sustained in Palestinian jails.

Khaled Amayreh, 41, of Dura, was arrested on Sunday by the PA Preventive Security Service, headed by Col. Jibril Rajoub. Amayreh is regarded as one of the few independent Palestinian journalists still working in the West Bank and Gaza and writes for local and international

Bassam Eid, director of the Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group, said Amaryeh wrote an article for the Umm el-Fahm-based newspaper Sawt al-Haq on the torture of Hamas sus-

Before its publication, Amarych, a board member of the monitoring group, telephoned Eid and raised the possibility of his eventual arrest.

"He knew there was a chance he would be arrested and he wanted to know that we would stand by him," Eld said. "Palestine needs more brave journalists like Khaled, willing to express their views in the face of

In the article published by Sawt al-Haq, the organ of Israel's Islamic

prisoner, Wa'el Asad as saying: "I was tortured so severely that I called out for God to have mercy on me.

movement, Amaryeh quotes one

PA court to hear petition against Arafat

The Palestinian High Court of Justice has agreed to hear a petition against Palestinian Authority chairman Yasser Arafat over the detention of a Hamas activist.

A petition by Khader Shkirat to free his client Mahmoud Muslih, a 56-yearold teacher from the Ramallah area, will be heard on November 23. Muslih was detained September 4, and is being held by the General Intelligence Service [GIS].

The decision to hear the case came despite opposition from the PA prosecutor's office, which tried to challenge Shkirat's authority to recresent Muslih. Shkirat is neral director of LAW; a Palestinian human rights Steve Rodan

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The interrogator said that if God comes, we will arrest him as well." Another prisoner, Iyad Imreish, is quoted as describing his session with PA interrogators. They took off my clothes and made me lie on the floor. They poured cold water on me and started to beat me with a broomstick. When it broke, they brought another

Rajoub was at a meeting with PA Chairman Yasser Arafat and was not available for comment last night. But a senior PPS official confirmed the detention of Amaryen and said he is being held for questioning in

"He was not arrested," the official said. "He put false information in the newspaper and burt people as a

The official said Amaryeh apparently interviewed Hamas detainees in Dahariya prison, south of Hebron. He said the prisoners quoted in the article, however, claim that Amaryeh misrepresented them.

"The detainees said what Amarych wrote was a lie," the official said. "We are now trying to clarify the sit-

Amarych, a father of seven, has been harassed by PA security forces since they entered the West Bank. He has been critical of the PA in his column in the Hamas weekly Al Risalah and in interviews with



Finnish minister begins visit

Foreign Minister David Levy meets in Jerusalem yesterday with his Finnish counterpart, Tarja Kaarina Halonen, here for a three-day visit. Halonen invited Levy to visit Finland but a date was not set.

Yishai tells Shas: Vote against the budget BY DAN GERSTENFELD

Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai yesterday recommended that fellow Shas MKs vote against the proposed 1998 budget when it comes to a first vote today, because of proposed cuts in child benefits.

Shas MKs stopped short of adopting the recommendation mainly because their faction meeting was interrupted for consulta-tions on the Conversion Bill issue. Shas did decide, however, to

challenge the budget during Knesset Finance Committee

The budget is also expected to face strong opposition from the Gesher faction which objects to proposed cuts in children

"It is no secret there are Knesset members who want to increase the defense budget and those who want to increase certain welfare provisions," Fmance Minister Yaacov Neeman said of the criticism. He added that the budget's main

objective was to restore growth in the economy.

According to the Central Bureau of Statistics the Israeli economy, which grew by an average rate of 5.5 percent from 1990-1996, is achieving three goals, which could expected to show a growth rate of bring more growth: only 2.5% for 1997.

"Considering the economic con-ditions this is the best and fastest way to achieve growth in the economy," Neeman said, referring to the budget proposal. Neeman also indicated that

changes may be introduced in the final budget draft, which must be approved by January 1. The NIS 207.4 billion package includes NIS 2.3b. in cuts, includ-

ing a NIS 430m. cut in the NIS 24.5b. defense budget.

The budget proposal aims at

hikes because the tax burden already amounts to almost 40% of the GDP. "Raising taxes would lead to lower production and to higher unemployment," Neeman

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Monday, Nov. 3 5 p.m. - Triumph of the Will (Leni Riefenstahl) 7:30 p.m. - The Jewish Street (Herrs Frank)

5 p.m. - Angry Harvest (Agnieszka Holland) 7 p.m. - Weapons of the Spirit (Pierre Sauvage) For additional information, (02) 672-4131

Mordechai: We will stick to **Grapes of Wrath**

By DAVID RUDGE

Defeose Minister Yitzhak Mordechai made it clear yesterday that Israel intends to adhere to the Grapes of Wrath under-

standings.

He also categorically denied reports to the Hebrew press that he had expressed criticism over the functioning of the IDF in south Lebanon.

Mordecbai, who spoke to reporters following a meeting with visiting Russian Foreign Mioister Yevgeny Primakov, praised the soldiers and officers io Northern Command. The minister visited the northem border oo Sunday as part of

a general assessment taking place this week of the situation in south Lebanon. "I didn't hear from anyone among all the officers with

whom I spoke [on Sunday] that the Grapes of Wrath understandings should be revoked," Mordechai said.

Uri Lubrani, the government's coordinator oo Lebaoon, also spoke out yesterday in favor of the understandings reached at the end of Operation Grapes of Wrath last year.

"The onderstandings have some flaws and in that respect are far from ideal, but on balance they serve the purpose that was agreed upon and the advantages outweigh the disadvantages," Lobrani told The

According to recent reports, some senior IDF officers have been critical of the fact that Hizbullah is regularly violating the understandings by firiog from ioside and alongside vil-lages at IDF and South Lebanese Army targets in the security zone. In such cases, the IDF refraios from respooding directly to the origin of the fire for fear of harmiog innoceot civil-

"I think we have to be very vigorous in our contacts with the monitoring group so that it will do wbatever is necessary in order to get the other side to adhere fully to the ooderstand-

iogs," said Lubrani.
"We bave to find ways of proving our case as clearly and uoequivocally as possible and in this way put pressure on Syria and the Lebanese government to ensure that the understandings are upbeld.'

Regarding the receot public debate over the possibility of an unilateral withdrawal from the security zooe, Lobrani said he was "the first one to aspire to leave Lebanon as soon as circumstances permit."

"I know, however, that by withdrawing unilaterally, without any kind of agreement or arrangement, we would be sowing the seeds for a simution to arise that would be much more ominous and much-more costly than the present situation," he